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'FOOD , MUSIC and LARGE MEN THROWING STUFF' ... You Don't Want To Miss A Second!!

Lots of music, food and fun await all who attend the 18th annual Haliburton Highland Games on July 8 in Haliburton. Step into Scottish Heritage and experience Heavy sporting events such as the Taber Toss, Scottish Dancing, bagpipes and lots of other great music of Scottish culture.

There is a little Scottish in all of us, so all you lads, lassies and wee ones too are cordially invited to come and celebrate your heritage at the Haliburton Highlands Games. Massed Band Presentations - always a crowd favourite and this year expanded to 4 times in the day. Highland Dancing Competition is returning by Popular Request!

Watch as dancers of all ages compete for provincial and national points. Plus returning entertainment - 'Border Collie Sheep Herding'. Watch these highly trained and VERY SMART animals in action!

This year there is a new expanded children's program by Camp Wanakita featuring a new fishing pond for prizes and many other

new events for children. There will be Clan Tents, and lots of food and souvenir vendors.

The games start with a Ceilidh on Friday night at the Haliburton Legion at 7:30. The parade floats through downtown Haliburton at 11 am on Saturday featuring lots of fun characters and visiting pipe bands from throughout Ontario.

'FOOD , MUSIC and LARGE MEN THROWING STUFF' is the theme for this annual event sponsored by

Haliburton IGA, IGA Corporate and Hydro One. Games Admission is \$10 for adults and children under 16 are free.

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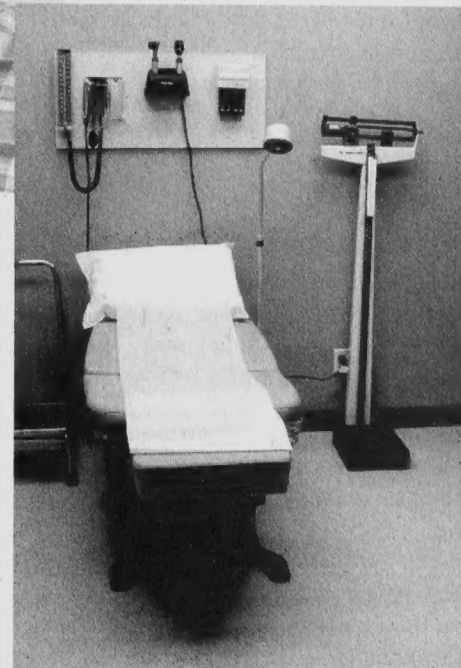
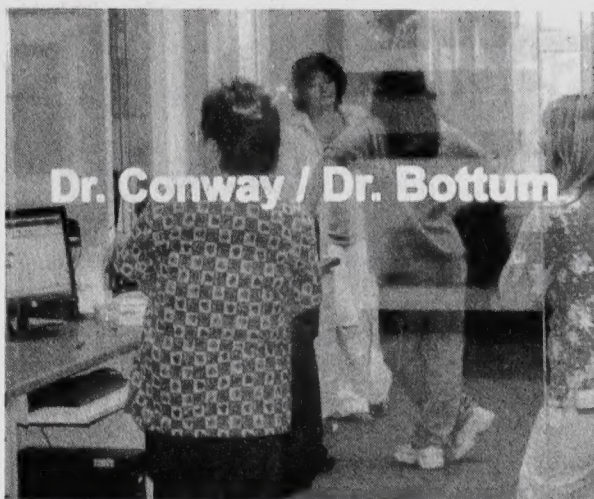
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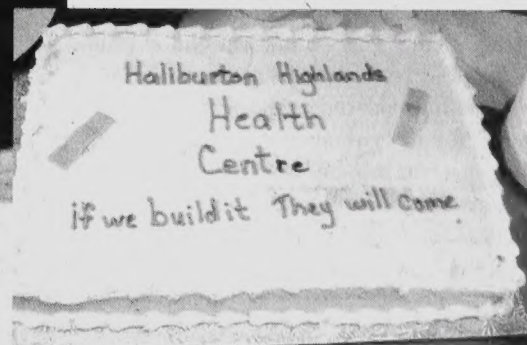


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Medical Centre Opening



Pictured top left to right: People mingle in Dr. Conway and Dr. Bottum's new office reception area during the opening. Next is Dr. Heyes. Top right is Charles O'Neil's sketch of the original medical office located in Halco Plaza in 1980. Cutting the big bandid is: Cheryl Kennedy (office administrator), Highlands East Reeve Keith Tallman; Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey; and Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison. The celebration cake says it all. And lastly, the list of Doctors in the centre - and it's growing.

HALIBURTON FAMILY MEDICAL CENTRE

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J. Austin & Sons

A Family Tradition for 125 Years – And Counting!

Most Haliburton businesses are family-run affairs – and even the oldest ones like Curry Motors in Haliburton or Dollo's IGA in Minden seem to have little trouble attracting talented family members to carry on the business as the generations march on.

But it's unlikely if any area business can match the family history of J. Austin and Sons Ltd. in Kinmount. It was over a hundred and

twenty years ago when John Austin founded the family sawmill and lumber company on the Burnt River at the falls in Kinmount. Now, four generations later, his great grandson John, and great great granddaughter Julie Austin proudly carry on the family tradition, even though the sawmill itself no longer operates.

"We sawed our last log 25 years ago," recalls John. "The writing was on the wall for water-driven sawmills like ours, and for Hunters in Gooderham. The perception that we weren't environmentally friendly really hurt us, I think, even though it was in many ways unjustified. In any event, it forced us to concentrate on the other lines of business and make sure they worked."

John, of course, grew up in the business and started to work full time for his father and grandfather over 40 years ago, but less than 10 years later both had died within a couple years of each other, and



Spotlight

On Business

John became sole proprietor. He still has sharp memories of the lean times, particularly in the 1950's: "We had a really tough go back then – the sawmill business was fading and the building end was really slow. We were a very poor village in a very poor County at that time. But we survived."

Part of Austin's ability to survive is bound up with its close ties to Kinmount itself. When generation after generation has provided quality goods and services, fair employment, and a constant commitment to the community, those efforts always seem to be

rewarded. John and his wife Dianne have two grown daughters, Julie and Jane, who both worked at the family business while they were growing up. "Despite the hard times, Dianne and I were still able to send both girls to university," says John with justifiable pride. Both girls became successful schoolteachers (Jane's now a Vice Principal in Fenelon Falls) and both are raising young families: together they have six kids under six. John comments: "In my spare time I'm renovating our cottage on Crystal Lake. I think we're going to need a few extra rooms!"

After a few years teaching, the job of carrying on the family tradition seems to have fallen to Julie. "After our daughter was born I started to work here again on weekends with my Dad," says Julie, "and I found I really liked it just as much as I did when I was a kid. Dad and I get along really well – most of the time – and none of us wanted to lose the business or just sell it. So I decided to work here full-time, and I've grown to love the business just as much as my Dad does."

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Julie, "and I thought we might just do very well with a local line. So four or five years ago we became a dealer and we're delighted we did." Her father John adds, "If you want to find out how to sell a kayak, just watch Julie!"

In some ways spending a hour or so at Austin's is like stepping back in time to a gentler age. On a recent Tuesday morning in June the customers came in one after the other and the phone rang pretty steadily. Julie and her Dad knew every single customer by name, and everyone made the effort to pause and have a few moments chat. One contractor wanted a quote on a particular window design, and John immediately absorbed all the highly detailed information with lots of specific questions. Suppliers were dealt with mainly by phone: "You're sure you don't want my other shirt as well, because we're going to be pretty damn near naked in here if you do!" says John in full negotiating mode, and with a wide grin.

"You really can't beat the atmosphere in here," smiles Julie. "Almost everyone has a kind word." At that point John's wife Dianne comes in after a few hours of hard work as a volunteer planting the Kinmount Rail Station's gardens. Dianne, a schoolteacher herself, never worked in the business: "I've been in charge of support systems, I guess," she grins, "which usually means lunch!"

J. Austin and Sons are located in the village of Kinmount and can be reached at 705 488-2961.



J. Austin and Sons (perhaps a renaming of the company might shortly be in order!) provides a full range of lumber, building supplies, and hardware items in their expansive property right on the Burnt River in Kinmount. They have their own dock-building centre as well, and boast a very successful kayak line featuring Lakefield's own Palusky Boats. "I'm an avid kayaker myself," says

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Pictured this page (top left) is Julie with her Paluski Kayaks and opposite that is a picture of John's Grandfather, son of the founder.

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Bring the kids for Hands-on Reptile Demonstrations, Face Painting, Pony Rides and exciting Eco-Activities. Here you can also find out about Sustainable Forestry, connect with Local Foresters to service your woodlot and take a guided Woodlot Tour. There will be plenty to see and do at the days events. Groove with Local Musicians, and check out the Rummage Sale. Talk to and listen to presentations by Environmental Businesses, Outdoor and Environmental Groups, and Outdoor experience organizations

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Friends of the Frost Centre – Update and Call for Support

By Barrie Martin

Hello Friends and Colleagues. As you may know, the Ontario Government is taking steps to re-open the Frost Centre through a request for proposal process that will see the Centre stay in public ownership, leased to an appropriate entity, and operated as an environmental/outdoor education and training facility. The Friends of the Frost Centre (non-profit, charitable) and the FCI Group (private) have been given the green light to submit a second and final proposal to operate the Frost Centre. The Government will choose the best proposal with the objective of having the Centre back in operation by the spring 2007. This represents the best and, no doubt, the only opportunity to see the Frost



**Friends of the
Frost Centre**

Centre reopen as a centre of excellence in outdoor and environmental education. I am writing you to ask for your support in our effort to ensure the Centre is available for the use of all Ontarians and the organizations

that are in the frontlines of the environmental and ecological sustainability.

The Friends have a vision to develop the facility as a Centre for Environmental Education and Stewardship that would bring together a creative cluster of environmental and environmental education interests, partners, clients and programs to help learners from all walks of life become ecologically responsible citizens. For more information, please read first stage proposal that the Friends submitted last February – it is posted on our web site - (www.friendsofthefrostcentre.ca). We are committed to serving the learning needs of Ontario citizen's and the local communities of Haliburton and Muskoka in a consultative and collaborative way.

We are now focused on engaging partners and securing financing. Time is at a premium as the submission deadline for a full blown business proposal is August 11. We need your help with our bid the re-open the Centre. While we are in the process of lining up several partners, we are interested in exploring other possibilities as well. We need your ideas, suggestions and names of potential partners, users and sponsors we should contact. Ultimately the business plan we are preparing will need to demonstrate that the operation of the Frost Centre can be financially sustainable, so we will need commitments from organizations who will rent our facilities, purchase our programs, and help to promote us. Any assistance or advice in this critical area would be most warmly welcomed!

As well, if you are not already a member of the Friends of the Frost Centre please consider joining. We would be appreciative of any donations to help us cover the costs of this undertaking. More details on how you can help are on our web site. We are able to issue charitable tax receipts for donations over \$25.00.

Thanks to all who have supported our efforts to date. Our Board of Directors is very determined to see the Frost Centre re-opened on behalf of all those who have been touched by the Frost Centre experience in some way and who would like to see an ecologically literate citizenry committed to living sustainably on this earth. It has been two years of hard work by many people to get this far. We are fortunate that the Provincial Government is providing this opportunity. Let's make the most of it.



The Township of Algonquin Highlands and the
Township of Minden Hills

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August 5 th	Oxtongue Landfill	1-5 pm
Sept. 2 nd	Dorset Landfill	1-5 pm
Oct. 7 th	Maple Lake Landfill	1-5 pm

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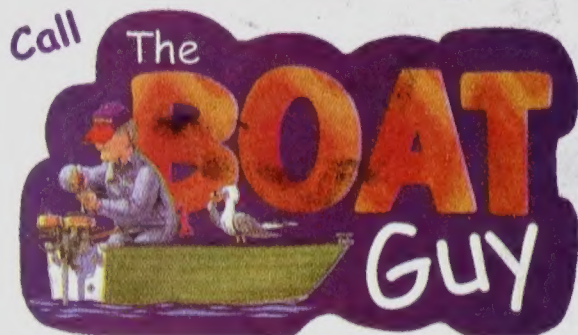


DUMB CRIMINALS

UP IN SMOKE: When Jonathan Martinez's house caught on fire in Salem, Ore., police say he tried to take care of it himself — he rushed over to a nearby convenience store to buy a fire extinguisher. They didn't have any, so he bought a box of baking soda and rushed back home only to find that someone else called the fire department and they were already there. The cause of the fire, investigators say, was an overloaded electrical circuit: too many grow lights were plugged in to illuminate 62 marijuana plants. The plants were saved — for evidence: Martinez, 30, was arrested.

David Miller, 38, of Nashville, Tenn., was surprised by a robber who pistol-whipped him into submission, shoved him inside his apartment, then stole a video game console, cash, and Miller's watch and cell phone. When police Sgt. Matt Pylkas arrived to investigate, he decided to call Miller's phone. Sure enough, the robber answered it. The cop told the robber if he brought back the game console he'd be given \$50. "It was something straight out of a police drama," Pylkas said, calling it "classic negotiation 101." When Craigen D. Harris, 18, arrived to collect the loot, he was arrested. "It wasn't funny last night," Miller said, still nursing a head wound, "but it's funny now."

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"In all we spent almost 15 years in the hospitality business," and what I remember most was how generous the business community was to each other, even, maybe especially, your competitors," says Tom. "This is one reason why I wanted to come back here to build my retirement home — and keep on working, of course."

During the 1970s and early 1980s Tom also worked closely with the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association in its very early days, cutting new trails and grooming during the long winters. "It was terrific working with guys like Tom Prentice and Roy Bates in those early days when the sport was just beginning. And although I did volunteer work, it was also a paid job back then. It was an exciting time."

Tom's building his new house on the Horseshoe Lake Road just north of Minden, and has just about finished clearing the land and preparing the foundation. "I have this first rate backhoe, I'm still a fully licensed septic system installer, and I love to work. I've always thought that permanent retirement was never going to be for me — and I've always enjoyed working with people. After 15 years in the hospitality business you know you have to like people to be any kind of success. And again, I'm so impressed with this community and how kind and welcoming people are. So if anyone needs first rate backhoe service within a 25 kilometre radius of Horseshoe Lake, I'll be there."

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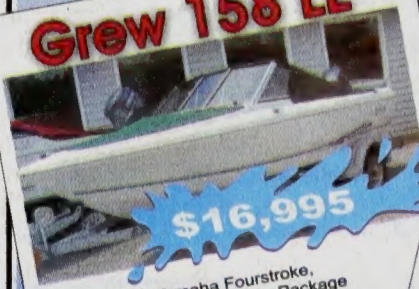
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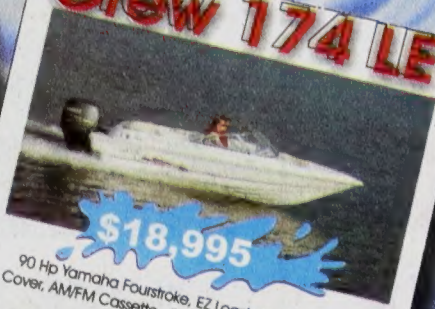
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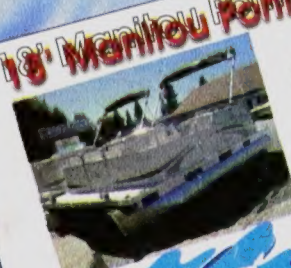
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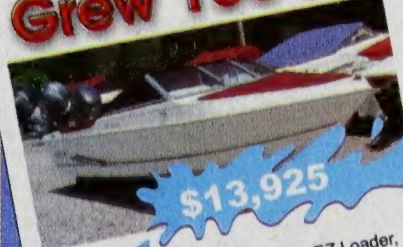
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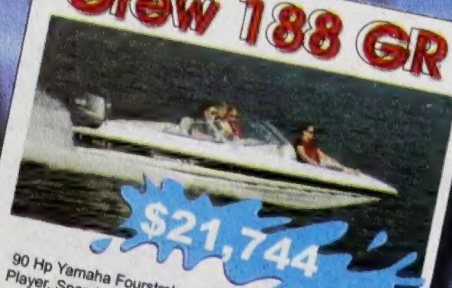
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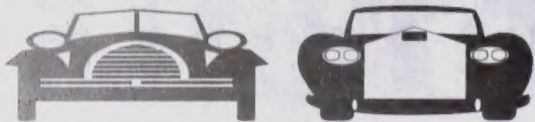
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Doug & June Forsyth
of Haliburton own this
63 Mercury
Monterey Custom



This gem is owned by Doug and June Forsyth of Haliburton.
63 Mercury Monterey Custom 390 standard engine with 69,074 miles on it.

Car is original and has no power features. The car was originally purchased from the Armstrong Brothers Ford dealership in Madoc. The car had been stored over in Bancroft for 20 years. It had been tied up in a family estate. The original owner lived in the US and only used the car when he came to his summer home. Another Haliburton car enthusiast purchased the car and the Forsyth's bought the car 4 years ago from him.

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For over 25 years the Haliburton County Marksmen Club (HCMC) has been actively promoting the sport of recreational shooting, and just as important, it's been in the forefront of firearm education and safety training for literally hundreds of young adults throughout the County.

The Club was founded in April 1980 and operated for its first two years at the Anson Hinden and Minden Township Gravel Pit. Within a few years the HCMC had leased a few acres of bush off the old Iron Mine Road (now the Swinson Road) just north of Kinmount and in 1992 managed to buy the property outright. A few years later an additional 68 adjacent acres became available and in 1994 the existing membership raised enough money to close the deal.

Throughout the years the HCMC membership has constructed all kinds of different facilities including target stands, silhouettes and steel plates. Initially disciplines were Rimfire and Centrefire rifle, single stage shotgun (using sporting clays) and Rimfire and



Centrefire Bulls eye (handgun). The Club now boasts shooting position covers, benches and baffles.

"We're a family oriented Club, all the way," says Range Manager Walter Griffin. "We provide full training for beginners right up to experts." The HCMC are also members of the International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC), which is a worldwide organization that promotes "accuracy, power and speed" in sports shooting, as well as the safe use of all manner of guns.

"We actively promote the safe and responsible use of firearms throughout the community. Shooting enthusiasts take a lot of criticism, generally uninformed, and we're here to prove what a safe and fun family activity it can be. We welcome members who want to train with rifles, pistols or small arms of just about any kind. And we have a very active youth program and encourage our teenage boys and girls to join us."

The HCMC also provides training and facilities for the Haliburton High School's course that includes a Chainsaw license, CPR and

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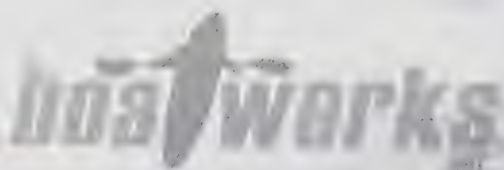
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First Aid, the Possession and Acquisition License for Firearms, and the Hunter's License. As well, they allow cadets from as far away as Lindsay to use their facilities for winter camping and winter firearms training, including Biathlon training.

Every Sunday from mid-April until the end of October the Club hosts a great variety of events for its members and their families. There are three ranges to choose from, the Shotgun range, the "Big" range, and the Short range. Events include pistol competitions, cowboy action, military rifle, sporting and deer



rifle, shotgun clay birds and so on. The Club also hosts a couple of special Saturday Youth Days with balloons, fun, and training for all the family. No membership is required for the Youth Days - just show up and

members will make sure you're welcomed and shown all the Club offers.

At the moment the HCMC has a healthy membership of approximately 100 and actively welcomes new members at any time. Initial single and family memberships cost between \$350 and \$395 for the first year, with renewals thereafter at \$120 to \$150 per year. Junior memberships are available at greatly reduced prices: \$53 for the initial year, and \$28 thereafter.



Walter Griffin

For further information about the Haliburton County Marksmen Club you may contact Range Manager Walter Griffin during the day at Outdoors Plus, 705 457-3113, or at home at 705 286-2900. You can also check out the Club's website at

www.hcmcnet.com, or email Walter at griffinwalter@hotmail.com. The Club also welcomes interested visitors at its Sunday Match events and of course at its Saturday Youth Fun Days. Check out the website for the Fun Day dates. The Club is located on the Swinson Road, formerly the Iron Mine Road, a few kilometres west of Highway 121 approximately 2 kilometres north of Kinmount.

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Top: A student from Derek Little's class at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School tests his shooting ability with a revolver.

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Tim Tofflemire: Stepping In the The Digital World of Wedding & Portrait Photography

Tim Tofflemire has been a freelance professional photographer for the past several years and with his young family has made Haliburton his home for the past five. Tim's day job is 'Senior Counsellor – Day Program and Employment 'Options' at the Haliburton Country Community Living Association, working with anywhere from 20 to 25

clients. "This is very rewarding and challenging work," says Tim, "and every day as we deal with the community and our clients you realize just how caring and compassionate the Haliburton community really is. We feel very lucky to be able to live and work here."

Tim and his wife Melanie moved here with son Rowan (6) and have already added son Gage (3) to their family. The Tofflemire's had spent five years in the Kelowna area of British Columbia where they both worked in the social services field, Melanie as a therapy support worker. It was also there that Tim's love of photography grew into something more than a hobby. "I started to work commercially in Kelowna and began to have some serious success – I managed to get my work on some magazine covers in the area, and also won a Canadian Geographic

Outdoor Adventure photo contest. And I also began to shoot weddings, which has now become my speciality."

Tim has shot some 50 weddings since he's moved to Haliburton, in both digital and traditional film formats. This year he made a big commitment to digital and invested in a Canon 8.2 mega pixels EOS 20D with a full assortment of lenses and he just loves the camera. "It's a great system, incredibly flexible and reliable. And it gives my customers so many options. It also cuts expenses, allows me to shoot more, of course, and frankly ends up delivering a better all round product."



Tim provides both formal and informal, candid shots of weddings and receptions. He enjoys the interaction with people and particularly the challenges of getting everyone to just relax and enjoy themselves. "I guess I just like people, and spending time with my clients, getting everyone comfortable. There are the

occasional challenges – when the red wine spills everywhere, for example, — but you work through them with a smile and it always seems to work out. I prefer the more candid approach to wedding photography, but of course we always include the traditional formal portraits."

The digital photography revolution has cut some costs considerably and Tim is able to offer complete wedding packages for as low as \$800. But his services aren't limited to weddings by any means. For \$100 he offers cottagers professional family photographs – and a CD with all the proofs. He can also provide an 8 by 10 print on the spot (using his portable pic printer, of course!) He also offers great deals to Real Estate agents, B&B and Resort operators.

Tofflemire Photography is equipped to provide full studio portraits for professional or family use. Tim particularly enjoys working with children and has the natural patience and easy manner

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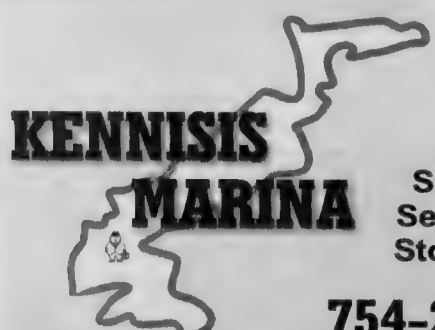
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Tim Tofflemire Cont'd....

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to put any group of kids at ease. He's also available to help the community at charitable events and functions.

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The Indian Princess: There is a lake called Lake Ronkonkoma that is very deep. It is believed by kids in Sayville that it is bottomless. Before the white man civilized the area, there was a tribe of Secatogue Indians living in what is now Sayville. In this tribe there was a princess. She was in love with a Poospatuck Indian prince from what is now Bayport, on the other side of Brown's River where she was forbidden to go. One day they snuck off together to Lake Ronkonkoma and took their canoe to a romantic spot after dark to make love. The spirits did not approve of this, as people on opposite sides of the river should not mix. So the boat sunk, and their bodies fell forever and ever down into the bottomless lake.

So every year the angry Indian princess kills two lovers and pulls their souls to the bottom of the lake. And every year at least one young couple dies.

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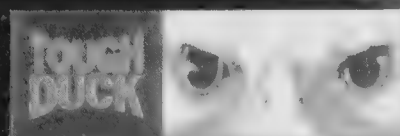
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In a previous issue we ran this little brain math teaser, but somehow the add 1 in step 3 got cut out, so we are running it again for those who are dying to know what this was all about in the first place...

1. What are the first 3 digits of your phone number? (ignore your area code and use only your seven digit phone number)
2. Multiply by 80
3. Add 1 (*this is the part we left out in the previous issue*)
4. Multiply by 250
5. Add in the last four digits of phone number
6. Add in the last four digits of phone number again
7. Subtract 250
8. Divide by 2...

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There are Children's Games all day, and local performers, too! The day is proudly hosted by the Volunteers and Friends of the Stanhope Museum.

For more info, call Betty at 705-489-3021. It's a great day — come on out!

**When you are dissatisfied
and would like to go back to
youth, think of Algebra.**



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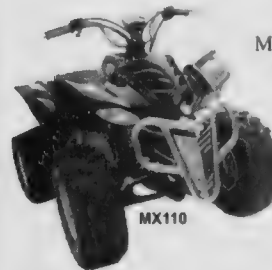
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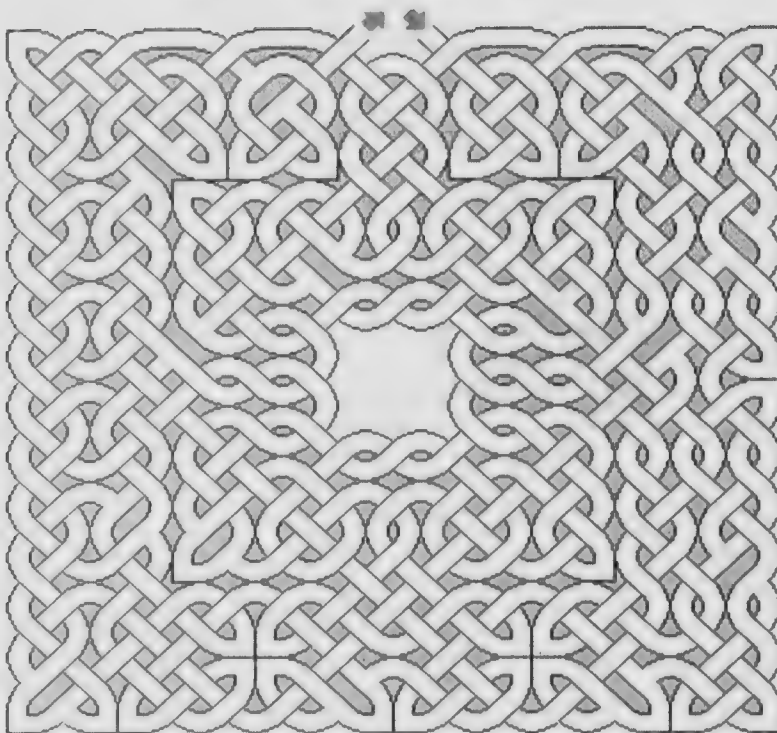
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The International Association Of Women Police have set September 11th, 2006 as the day we try to fill a rain barrel with pennies and another bucket with shorn locks during it's yearly Penny Drive and FUZZ BUZZ.

All the proceeds from the coin collection will go to third world initiatives being done by police women and men world wide.

The FUZZ BUZZ replaces the BBQ as the main attraction. If you have too much hair and would be willing to have it shorn for a good cause we need you to start collecting some cash for your cause. It doesn't have to be a charitable organization or well known cause. If you have a passion, we have the venue for you to loose your locks. If you have a charity or non profit organization and need someone to step up to the plate to raise funds for you, start looking for someone hairy and then help them by collecting pledges. Remember to include the CAUSE, amount donated and the name and mailing address of the person making their pledge. If more than one person is collecting for the charitable organization, we'll coordinate them so that receipts can be issued. Make up your own pledge sheet.

Remember that you don't have to belong to the organization you're raising money for and, just as there is no limit to the amount of money you pitch in the penny barrel, there is also no age limit for the folks shaving their hair for a good cause. Maybe you have a son or daughter who's been thinking of going for the Dr Evil look for a long time. Sign them up. Maybe we can have a Mike Myers look alike contest?!

The objective is to put a positive spin on a negative day and to spread sunshine around the world, and cash around our county to the places that need it most.

September 11th falls on a Monday this year so keep that in mind. We will be serenaded by Gord Kidd and Ric Pringle and the event will start at 10 a.m. at Head Lake Park in Haliburton and end around 12 pm. It will go again at 4 p.m. at the new OPP office in Minden and end around 6 p.m.

Jim McMahon and Bob English have already started fundraising and intend to lose their tresses for good causes. Jim plans to send some under-privileged kids to camp and Bob is putting money towards the Paramedic Scholarship at HHS.

There won't be any food so don't come hungry. Just come hairy!!! And don't forget your pennies. Rolled is quite helpful but I'm holding the ladies at Laidlaw Bus lines to their promise of helping me to roll them as I don't have the kids from Canada World Youth to help this year.

All inquiries can be made to PC Val Jarvis at valjarvis@vianet.ca or by phone 455-9665.



REMEMBER: It's your hair. Get excited at what you can do for someone else just by cutting it off and raising a few bucks to help a worthy cause. I'm betting that the charity or organization that you shave your head for will provide you with an appropriate hat to wear until it grows back. Get creative out there.

Pictured is Constable Val Jarvis enjoying her full head of hair for now... soon it will all be gone - but she doesn't mind... it's all for a good cause. Joseph Patrick (left) has some fun pretending to cut off her hair... but soon the real cut will be made.

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Here is the summer line-up.

July 7th – Gord Kidd.

July 14th – Zoe Chilco.

July 21st – Country Hot Flashes.

July 28th – Northern Jam.

Aug 4th – TBA.

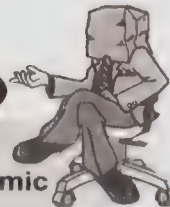
Aug 11th – Highlands Brass Quintet.

Aug 18th – Highlands Concert Band.

Aug 25th – Serendipity. Sept 1st is a rain date.



That's Life...



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A man absolutely hated his wife's cat and decided to get rid of him one day by driving him 20 blocks from his home and leaving him at the park.

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He kept taking the cat further and further and the cat would always beat him home. At last he decided to drive a few miles away, turn right, then left, past the bridge, then right again and another right until he reached what he thought was a safe distance from his home and left the cat there.

Hours later the man calls home to his wife: "Jen, is the cat there?"

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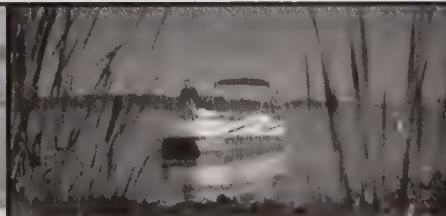
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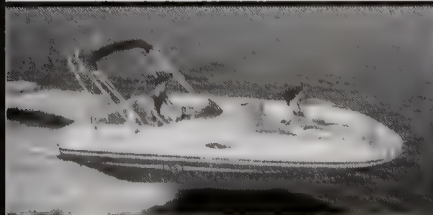
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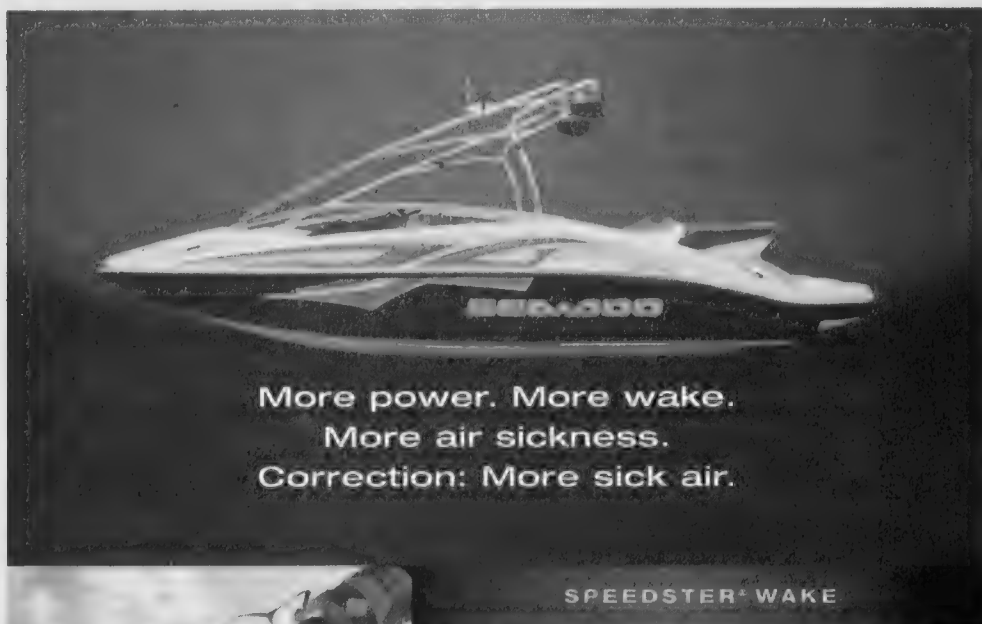
Don't Forget That July 25-26 is the Minden Rotary Carnival

Don't forget to book July 15 & 26 as time to spend at the Minden Rotary Carnival. The event will be taking place at the Minden Community Centre. There is an outdoor midway on Tuesday and Wednesday evening. There will also be food, games, and free ice cream and books for the children on Wednesday starting at 5 p.m. Watch the Communicator's next issue for more details.



Lake Kashagawigamog Regatta

The Lake Kashagawigamog regatta is planned for Saturday, July 22th (rain date Sunday) at the BonnieView Inn. Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon with fellow cottagers and friends. The action starts at 2:00 p.m.. There will be land and water activities for children and adults of all ages. Following the events at about 5:30 pm there will be a Barbeque Buffet featuring an adults' and children's menu. All Kashagawigamog cottagers and residents are welcome to participate in the regatta or to attend only the barbeque.



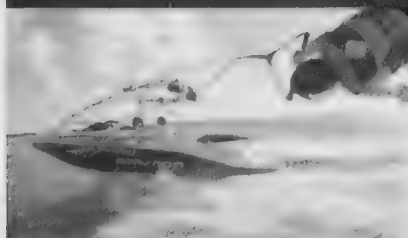
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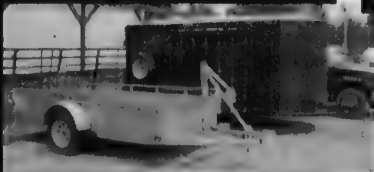


Pictured are the 'Happy Campers' from last years program.

Well it's that time of the year again! It is time to get your child enrolled in Family Services of Haliburton County's Summer Adventure Day Camp! As many of you may remember, last year our Summer Adventure Day Camp was a huge success – and we are all more than a little excited about having the opportunity to jump aboard this journey again.

Our Summer Adventure Day Camp will run for seven weeks this summer in various locations throughout beautiful Haliburton County. Camp promises to be filled with sports, swimming, exploring nature and other educational events. This is an inexpensive opportunity for children to interact with others within our community. This summer we are fortunate that two of our favorite counsellors, Kylie Clark and Christa McGlade will be returning. They'll be joined by Leslie Abel and Melanie Shapiera, and I am sure many of our past campers will be thrilled to meet them. As Camp coordinator, returning for my third summer, I am eager to share new ideas and improve the quality of camp for all. Keep your eyes open for registration forms and brochures throughout the community, as well as on our website at www.familyserviceshaliburton.ca. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at (705) 457-5345, ext. 606 or email me at michellem@familyserviceshaliburton.ca

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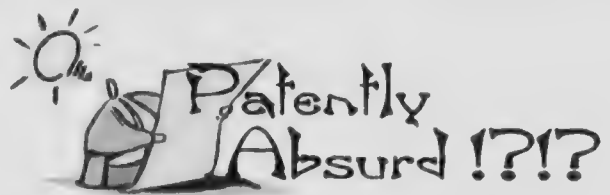
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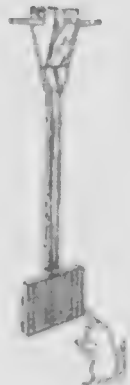
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In 1980 Dr. Bob Heyes, Dr. Karl Hartwick, and Dr. Blair Pierce established the Haliburton Family Medical Clinic, occupying a modest 1200 square feet of so in the Halco Plaza. The doctors weren't new to the area – they'd shared a practice with Dr. Harry Good, who was nearing retirement, and they thought it was time to strike out on their own.

With the opening of their Clinic the three doctors, together with just three support staff, Cheryl Kennedy, Pat Creelman, and Carole Craigmyle, thus set out on a course that would ultimately change the face of family medicine in Haliburton County. And perhaps more importantly, it would create an institution flexible and imaginative enough to react successfully to the huge changes the County would see over the next quarter century.

After just eight years, the Clinic moved across the street and occupied the rear ground floor of Peter Curry's newly built condominium building. Dr. Pierce had left the practice, but other dedicated family doctors soon joined up. The Clinic kept growing and taking over more of the building – until it was clear that another move would soon be essential.

The times were certainly changing, once again. In 1998, Dr. Heyes and another Clinic member, Dr. Scott Coles, paid a visit to Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey. "Our message was simple," says Dr. Heyes. "Rural Ontario was suffering from an acute lack of family physicians and in our opinion we needed serious help and planning from our

local government if our clinic was going to have a future. We explained to Murray that we were in an age when charity golf tournaments, for example, however well intentioned, weren't going to persuade new doctors to come here. The hospital renovations were going ahead successfully, but our facilities for physicians were a serious impediment to attracting new, young, and committed doctors. And to his credit, the Reeve listened."

After almost six years of planning, politicking, and disappointments, Reeve Fearrey and Council finally approved the plans to build a 20,000-square-foot facility to house the doctors and some related medical services on land adjacent to the hospital. And last weekend, the Grand Opening of the Haliburton Highlands Health Centre was celebrated in style with both public and private celebrations. As Reeve Fearrey cut the band-aid shaped ribbon during the afternoon public opening and tour (attended by over 100 people), he paid tribute to the dedication of many Dysart Council members, in particular the tireless Al Ferguson, and also thanked Reeve Keith Tallman of Highlands East and Reeve Eleanor Harrison of Algonquin Highlands for their support.

The Haliburton Family Medical Centre will occupy the second floor of the Medical Centre, a total of 10,000 square feet. The Centre will be entirely paperless: computers (and people) rule. The facility

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Haliburton Medical Centre: New Centre - New Doctor Too!!

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Welcome Dr. Mike Armstrong

This July 1st, Dr. Mike Armstrong officially joins the Family Medical Centre Staff and of course is welcoming new patients. The new facility played a large part in his decision to come to Haliburton: "I really loved my time here when I was a resident in 1997 and 1998 - I just fell in love with the area. But our home was Cobourg, and as both a Family and an Emergency Physician, the facilities there were very attractive." So what persuaded the Armstrong family to move? "This facility is a part of it, certainly. It really is as good as any clinic you'll find anywhere. But it was also the unique feeling you have in the medical community here - there's a very special sense of both collegiality and professionalism. There's a cohesiveness to the way everyone works together - which I think is reflected in the whole community." Dr. Armstrong, his wife Darlene, and their baby boy Evan are looking forward to many more years in Haliburton - and their arrival sends a very

important message to other young family doctors that this community is a highly attractive place to practise modern family medicine. In fact, during the celebrations, the Medical Centre staff were entertaining another new doctor as well as a nurse practitioner.

The Medical Centre will also house the MDS Laboratories, and on August 1st, Hill Chiropractic and Physiotherapy will be moving over. It's expected that other professional health services will be moving into the new building shortly.

Dr. Heyes, along with the entire staff of the Centre and Reeve Fearrey, also gave a very special thank you to Office Administrator Cheryl Kennedy for her tireless efforts in all the conception, planning, building stages of the project. As Dr. Kristi

and

Gammon put it, "I really believe that without Cheryl, we wouldn't be here today. She had the foresight, the commitment, and the tenacity - as well as the capacity for bridge building - to bring it all together."

The new Haliburton Medical Centre is located at 7217 Gelert Road (County Road 1) right next to the Hospital - 705-457-1212.

Pictured above is Dr. Mike Armstrong with his wife Darlene and baby Evan.



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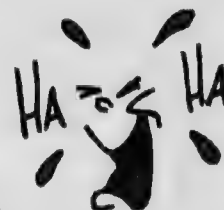
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The Spring Shows

When I lived in Etobicoke, I waited eagerly throughout each winter for the spring shows, and often went to many of them: Cottage life, Sportsmen, Outdoor Life, Canada Blooms...you get the picture. Somehow, though I really bought little, the shows confirmed for me that winter was over, and color came back into the world.

Since moving to Haliburton County, I've not attended a single one of those "spring shows." instead, I am brought to a standstill each day by the true "spring show;" earth's emergence from the death of winter.

What a clean sweep winter makes! Everything appears to die – "appears" being the key word. And how do things live in that deadly, paralyzing cold? Yet, as soon as the sun – that mystical originator of all life on our planet – pushes out a bit more warmth – the whole earth responds by leaping out of the soil. Which is what happened this spring, with our early April heat.

This year the show is

spectacular. Every one of my senses experiences some dancing with delight every day, and every day

there's something new. I am almost blinded by the singular and particular appearance of so many distinct colors of green, and by the vivid colors of early blossoms that I'm sure I didn't notice last year. I stand paralyzed, hardly breathing, amidst hundreds of birdsongs that I am very slowly learning to name. I am more alive when I taste the new dandelion and the first fiddleheads, bursting with spring energy. When my gardener's fingers dig into the soil, warmed only at the top, and when I can be warm enough to allow the rain to fall on my skin without running for a coat, I feel the blessings. And then there are the smells! This year I am drunk with hyacinth and balsam poplar and other unnamable fragrances, and that musky pine smell that rises from the ground and seeps through the pores of my skin.

And I've said nothing yet about the birds who inhabit our river – herons and a pair of American Bitterns, Wood ducks and Black ducks and a snowy American Merganser couple and the two Canada Geese who nested on the river this year. There is the Broad-Tailed hawk and the tiny Merlin falcon chasing a raven from his territory. And besides birds we see beaver and muskrat and fox and weasel and otter, and – on Easter Sunday afternoon – fourteen Blandings turtles sunning on a log, not to mention the giant snapper who bumped the kayak of my housemate.

Oh, I am only just beginning to love the earth, as Denise Levertov (poet) said when she turned seventy. At least I have a few years on her. And every year, for the rest of whatever time I have left, I want to get to know – intimately, particularly, and erotically – the spring show that takes me into its boudoir and nourishes my every sense. And my soul too.

Who would want to go to the International Center in Mississauga after that?

try this: go outside some warm evening and see how many of your senses are touched and filled by the simple being of the created world.

Reflections from SoulWinds

by Brenda Peddigrew

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Gordon L. Kidd, H.I.S./H.I.D., owner of the Minden Hearing Service, is a fully certified hearing aid specialist who's very proud of his qualifications and his profession. "One of the best things that's happened to our profession was when the Province decided back in the 1986 that the business should be regulated, and that meant the end of the guys selling hearing aids out of motel rooms, that's for sure."

Gord is celebrating the 20th anniversary of his Minden Hearing Service this year, and recalls that when he first decided to move to the County full time in 1986 his fellow specialists thought he was a little nuts: "They told me, 'Gord, look, there are no Ear, Nose and Throat specialists in the area, there are no Audiologists, in other words, no one who's going to refer patients



to you, so how are you going to make a living?" "Well," Gord laughs, "I guess it was a little tough in the beginning, but you know the Health Services community here has always been supportive and so what if you make a little bit less money than in the city – living in Haliburton County more than makes up for it."

Gord is just as fascinated with how human beings hear and how he can help them hear better as he was when he took his first audiology courses at the University of Western Ontario back in the early 1980's. "It's just a terrific feeling when you can make such a difference in a person's life and lifestyle. It's hard to imagine just how frustrating it is to be hard of hearing – for the patient and for family and friends as well." Gord has seen the technology of

hearing aids go through a complete revolution during the years he's practised. "When I first started patients had to carry around a device about the size of a small paperback book – and that didn't include the ear portion! Now they're tiny. Computers and digital technology have changed everything about the way we think about hearing aids."

These new devices are so sophisticated that they can be programmed to amplify only the sounds the patient has difficulty hearing. When Gord performs his extensive tests on a client he produces graphs that show exactly what range of sound the client hears and what he doesn't. "Then I use our own computer software to program each device to reflect exactly the hearing capacities – and deficiencies – of each client. So the device amplifies the sounds the client has difficulty with, and leaves alone those he can deal with. This is completely different from the old days, when the devices basically amplified everything, which was sometimes almost as bad as not hearing at all."

The first tests Gord performs on his clients are to determine if there is a "conductive" problem in the client's hearing, i.e. something that is preventing sound from reaching the nerves: if that's the case, such as a punctured ear drum or even excessive ear wax, Gord sends them straightaway to their family physician. But if the sound can be conducted to the hearing nerves but isn't being heard properly, then Gord gets to work and does an exhaustive analysis of the clients hearing abilities. "Most hearing problems are from either hereditary factors, or from damage caused by excessive noise, usually in the workplace. What people often don't understand is that they can suffer all kinds of hearing damage when they're young – from workplace noise, or from cranking up the stereo or headphones, and yet that damage may not show up for many years. So when your teenager tells you listening to music

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Gord is an outgoing, enthusiastic man who enjoys every minute of his working day. "I enjoy my patients, that's for sure, even if I spend too much time yakking with them!" Gord is a fully accredited Hearing Instrument Specialist and Dispenser and is a member of the Association of Hearing Instrument Practitioners of Ontario. These qualified

professionals are registered with the Ontario Ministry of Health Assistive Devices Program as well as the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board and Veterans Affairs Canada.

Gord Kidd also wants anyone who has an old hearing aid to please not

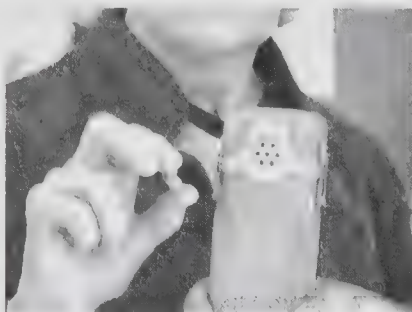
throw it out. Gord is a member of the Canadian International Hearing Services, a registered charity that provides hearing aids to people in developing nations. Our old hearing aids are invaluable to this program – just drop them off at Gord's office and he'll make sure they'll have another life helping another patient. "Any make, any model, any condition – we can use them all."

The Minden Hearing Service is located at 41 Bobcaygeon Road in Minden, and at Halco Plaza in Haliburton. The Minden office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays, and the Haliburton office is open on Friday. Gord Kidd also visits the Wilberforce area by appointment on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. For appointments at any of the locations please call 705 286-6001, 705 457-9171, or 1 866 276-7120.



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Gord Kidd is pictured with a long time patient Judy Turney who shows just how small the hearing aids are. Pictured below is the Minden office. He also has an office in Haliburton.



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With One Step..... The Minden Hills Labyrinth Opens for its First Season

A project of Minden artists Pegi Eyers and Robert Hood, a 7-circuit labyrinth has been installed on the grounds of the Minden Hills Museum! Come out for a self-guided walk of the labyrinth this summer, and learn more about the physical and meditative benefits of labyrinth practice.

What is the labyrinth?

The labyrinth is an ancient symbol found in earthworks and interior



spaces all over the world, from ancient Crete and Rome to the Hopi culture of the American Southwest and the Gothic architecture of Chartres Cathedral in France. It is considered to be a universal symbol for healing, and a path to renewing the body-mind-spirit connection. Labyrinths can be used in an infinite number of ways, and are a powerful tool for reflection and a deeper knowledge of the self.

The labyrinth is a space for walking, meditation, relaxation, and marking life's passages. It's a spiritual journey, an ancient form of body prayer. Walking the labyrinth can create a sense of inner calm, with space for reflection.

"Stop doing and just be," says Pegi Eyers.

In the last decade, North Americans have rediscovered the labyrinth as a tool for well-being. Today, people are walking the labyrinth in church halls, community centres & backyards everywhere.

The labyrinth walk

Walking the labyrinth is not a logical, or left-brain activity, but makes use of our powers of imagination and intuition. There is only one path, leading to the centre and out again. Begin your walk by standing quietly at the entrance to the labyrinth. Take a minute to relax before you enter. Focus yourself in the here & now, say a prayer before entering if you wish. If another person enters the labyrinth before you, give them time to walk ahead.

The important thing to remember is there is no wrong way to walk the labyrinth. You can walk, run, be serious or playful, use it as a prayer session, meditate or sing, walk alone or with a group of people. Walk at your own pace! You may wish to focus on a question you would like answered. If you come to the labyrinth with a problem on your mind, take it with you and reflect on it as you walk. Or ask yourself, "What do I need most in my life right now?" An answer may come to you as you walk the turns in the pathway.

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path out again, the journey may feel different from walking in. Be aware of the impressions and feelings of your labyrinth experience as you follow the twists and turns. It is said that if you walk the labyrinth with the full dedication of a pilgrim, you won't be the same when you exit; you will be purified when you emerge, ready to tackle new directions in your life journey!

Cretan Labyrinth

Upcoming at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre in September, "The Labyrinth Experience" - activities designed for the entire family. Walk the labyrinth, enjoy an art exhibition, attend workshops and explore labyrinth lore.



For more information contact Pegi Eysers or Robert Hood at (705) 286-5035, or the Minden Hills Cultural Centre at (705) 286-2146 - 174-176 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden, ON - www.mindenculturalcentre.com

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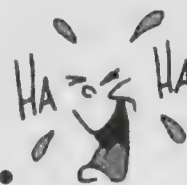
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Resuming the journey, Sally tried in vain to make a bit of small talk with the Ojibway woman. The old woman just sat silently, looking intently at everything she saw, studying every little detail, until she

noticed a white bag on the seat next to Sally.

"What in bag?" asked the old woman.

Sally looked down at the white bag and said, "It's a box of chocolates. I got it for my husband".

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West Guilford Canada Day Events

For a real good time don't miss the Canada Day Celebrations in West Guilford on July 1st this year. It's a day long celebration at the West Guilford community centre, ball diamond and Pine lake Beach which promises fun for all who attend.

Opening ceremonies are at 12:00 noon. The day's events include horseshoes, Pine Lake swim, water games at the beach, footraces, nail driving contests, cross-cut saw competitions, pie contest and a 5:00 pm beef BBQ dinner.

Then at dusk fireworks at the baseball diamond will commence. This is always a great display of fireworks.

For more information you can contact Sheryl Cooper at 705-754-3210.

For a list of all the Canada Day activities taking place in Minden, see centre spread in this paper.

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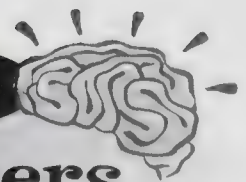
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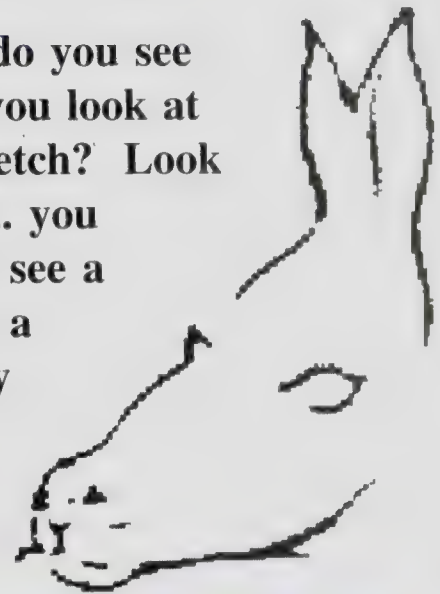
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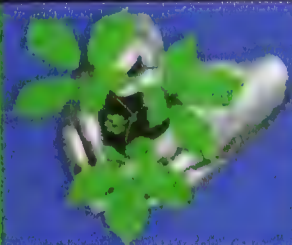
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An old law in Halethorpe, Maryland, made it illegal to kiss some one for longer than a minute!

On a street in Savoy Court, England< motorist are required by law to drive on the wrong side of the road!

An old law in International Falls Minnesota stated that cats were prohibited from chasing dogs up telephone poles!

In Ashland, Wisconsin, it is against the law to play marbles for keeps.

WOMEN TO WOMEN

By Holly Hutchinson

Hello Women of Haliburton County!

Many of you will be familiar with "Women To Women" – a casual night when women of Haliburton County meet to put names to familiar faces, and build business and personal relationships and friendships through networking... Or more simply put, when women of Haliburton County have a chance to slow down, enjoy each other, support each other, learn about each other, and just hang out among friends.

The idea for this fun event originated with Lynda Shadbolt. For many reasons, including great food, our first two gatherings were very successful, and the overwhelming consensus was to continue right through the summer. So here we have it...

Another Tuesday evening is being planned for the end of July! Details are still being worked out.

Interested In Organizing Or Hosting A Women To Women Event?

Our previous two Women To Women events have been held at The Old Country House, organized by Lynda Shadbolt and then Katie Hammerschmidt, and hosted by Sylvia Miller and her terrific team. I'm organizing our 3rd event. The location is pending announcement but it's in the works... (That's a hint, by the way.) If you are interested in organizing or hosting, please let either Lynda Shadbolt or me know.

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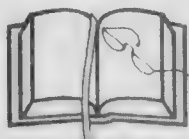
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Invasion of Privacy

Invasion of privacy comes in many forms. A common example is the intrusion of your geographical space by a neighbour when you have a right to be left alone. It may be caused by blaring music or by trespass on your property. You may also suffer an invasion of privacy when there is publicity about you that places you in a false light, or public disclosure of embarrassing, private facts that are true. If you are a sports hero, there may be a wrongful appropriation of your name or likeness.

The courts traditionally have protected privacy issues through various common law principles such as nuisance, trespass, harassment, defamation, injurious falsehood, deceit, and passing off. But different social realities are emerging. With advancements in technology, such as cell phones taking photographs, personal data of an individual can now be collected, accessed, and disseminated more easily than ever before. And there is a greater public appetite for this information. Some legislation is in place to balance information privacy with the need to collect, use, and disclose personal information in our era of information technology. There are now rules governing the collection, use, and disclosure of personal information by organizations.

Recently, one Superior Court Judge in Ontario took the common law principles a step further. The Superior Court, for the first time, recognized invasion of privacy as a legal principle in its own right. If the case is accepted by other courts at the same level or by the Court of Appeal, there will no longer be a need for a litigant to resort to the many older, traditional principles to protect privacy issues. There will be only one "tort," the invasion of privacy.

In the next column, I will be talking about the law of negligence.

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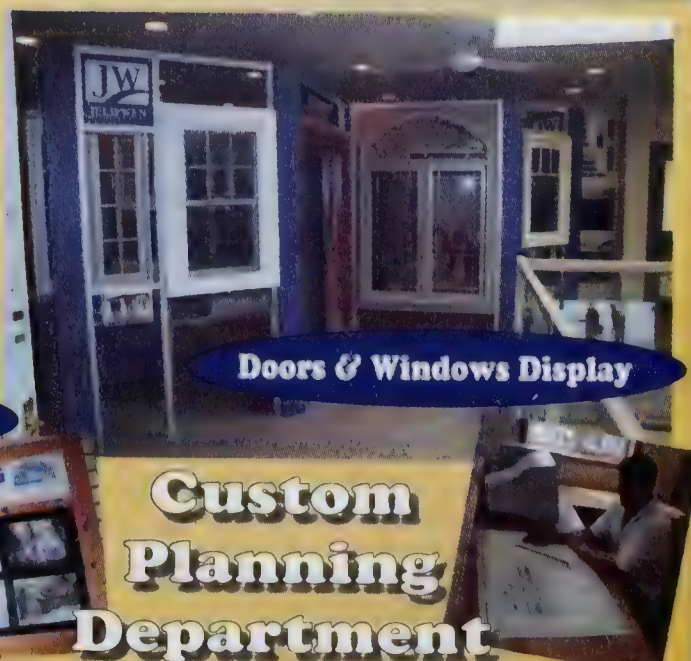
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Haliburton Legion News

Just a few notes on what is happening at the Branch. On July 8/06 the band Riff Raff will be playing downstairs in the clubroom. This is to help raise money for the Branch. Our financial situation needs the support of it's members. Without the participation of Branch 129 members the Branch can not survive.

A handful of people can not sustain a building or it's staff. We need everyones help. Whether you volunteer to help with a function to raise money or whether you come in to use the recreational activities in the clubroom. It is vitally important that more than just a few participate.

We have approximately 800 members. So my challenge is that out of this number if even 1/4 of the members came into the Branch on a regular basis. I am sure it would be a tremendous financial boost to the Branch. Please, for the continuation of the Branches survival come in and support your Branch.

The Branch is open Tuesday to Sunday with Bingo upstairs on Wednesday starting at 7:00pm. Also Friday is our famous meat draw starting at 4:30 pm until 6:30 pm, with a draw every half hour and there are five prizes per draw.

There are seven darts boards, two snooker tables, and one shuffleboard table available to use. We also have a big screen t.v. to watch your favourite show on.

On Tuesday nights there is darts all year round, pool is available anytime, as well as shuffleboard. The Branch also has lots of decks of cards.

On Aug 5/06 is the Jim Fletcher Open Mixed Memorial Dart Tournament. It is \$40 to play. It is two men and two women, this includes your doubles. Singles is extra, and there will be food available.

Donations Always Welcome

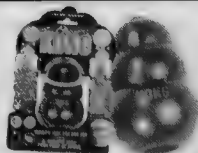
If you can not make it into the Branch or do not have time to volunteer, then maybe a financial donation is possible. Which ever the case may be call 457-2571 and let's get Branch 129 rockin'. You can also call me at 457-1724 and ask for Chris. See you at the Branch.



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County sheriff, "the man placed his toolbox on the vehicle accelerator, exited the vehicle and attempted to push the vehicle free. The man was successful." Success, of course, is relative: he got his Mercury full-sized sedan clear from the mud, but then had to run behind it to try to catch it. No luck: the car reached an estimated 100 mph, sometimes going airborne after hitting bumps, until it smashed into a tree a half-mile from the mud pit. Deputies decided not to give any citations to the man, who was not injured. ...Not counting his pride.

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Dreams Come True For Bill and Theresa As They Take Over Donald General Store

Last October Bill and Theresa Ross were enjoying Thanksgiving at the Ross family cottage on Koshlong Lake when they heard that the Donald General Store was once again for sale. "By the time we got back to Toronto that Monday night we'd made up our minds," says Theresa. "We'd decided that we'd try to buy the business, leave the big city, and make our Haliburton dreams come true."

Well, you'd be forgiven for thinking that maybe this was a time for some sober second thought. After all, both Bill and Theresa had successful careers – and they certainly weren't

anywhere near retirement. "But we were just passionate about trying to find a way to live and work here in Haliburton," says Bill.

"My family's had a cottage on Koshlong for some 50 years – and I knew just how important that store had been to both the Donald and the cottager community – and we believe we can make it a success once again."

So on January 16th of this year Bill and Theresa became the proud owners of the Donald General Store, Dairy Bar and Mini-Golf. "People have been so welcoming – in Donald itself, and of course the cottagers are delighted to see the store open again. We're going to keep open all winter as well – serving

hot meals to the snowmobilers as a sideline – and we determined to make it work," says Bill, and adds with a grin, "we call it an early hard-working retirement package."

Both Theresa and Bill left high stress jobs that they had enjoyed for many years, but they yearned for a simpler lifestyle. Bill was Maintenance Head for the Distillery District development, owned by Cityscape, which encompasses 16 groups of buildings over 13 acres in downtown Toronto, while Theresa was National Sales Co-ordinator for the Swatch Group. "I also really needed more time to create my own art, and pursue that part of my life," says Theresa. "It's very satisfying work, but it's also time consuming." Her "Terri Ross Originals" are one-of-a-kind polymer clay fantasy sculptures that she sells through EBay and her own website.

And Bill, as a life-long Koshlong Cottager, is well aware of the history of their new venture. "This was the general store for the entire village of Donald when the factory was going full-tilt in the 1920s and 1930s. And later it was a very important outlet for Koshlong cottagers in the 40s and 50s. And we remember how important it was for us – just to be able to come to the village for milk, ice cream and supplies – and not to have to go all the way to Haliburton."

This writer remembers the Donald General Store as well when it was owned by the Emmerson family – by the late Bill Emmerson's parents, in fact. In those days the store was a centre of the community selling a full range of high-quality fresh meats and



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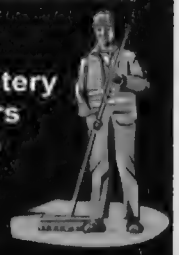
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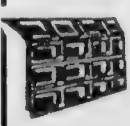
vegetables in addition to grocery and hardware items. It was later also run as a Lucky Dollar Store by Bill's sister Margaret and her late husband Cecil Robinson. But the allure of the bigger stores in Haliburton and Minden proved too much and the building was finally converted into a comfortable residence. In the 1990s new owners re-did the building to include a dairy bar, which was welcomed warmly by cottagers and residents alike.

Bill and Theresa are the happy inheritors of this long tradition and are ready and waiting to greet all their old Koshlong friends and new customers alike. The store sells a full range of Kawartha Dairy products as well as grocery store items, baked goods, and newspapers. The 18-hole Mini Golf is a very well-designed fun course for the whole family and you can play it for the terrific price of just \$4.00 a round – group rates are also available, for children's birthday parties for example, or Sunday School outings.

The Donald General Store is open from 7 am until 9 pm Monday to Thursday (closed Wednesdays) and Friday to Sunday from 7 am until 10 pm. It's located on Koshlong Lake Road, just off County Rd 1 about 9 kilometres south of Haliburton. And you can view Theresa's fantasy figures at www.poeterri.ca.

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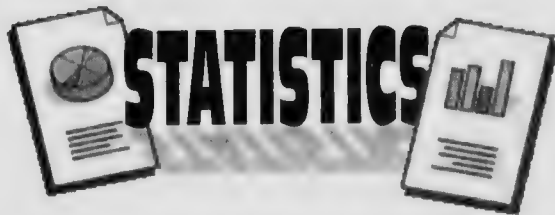
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The Haliburton Art & Craft Show is an outdoor show held in Head Lake Park in Haliburton village. This is a juried show that welcomes applications from a wide range of artists and crafts people. It is sponsored by Rails End Gallery, a non-profit community Art Gallery.

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"Blessings of Hope" features Sweet Morning* sculpt by Reva Schick. She is clothed in a genuine Swiss pima cotton batiste gown and bonnet. Her heirloom-style christening gown is embellished with eyelet-embroidered ruffles, pin tucks, lace insertions and lace edging. The delicate pink ribbon symbol is finely stitched on the front of the intricately fashioned bodice of her gown. "Blessings of Hope" is available in light, medium and dark skin tones.

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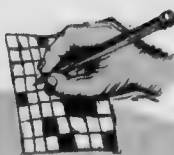
Brushworks + Jazz ... An Exhibit Featuring Brian Atyeo and Jack Reid

If you appreciate art you must head to the Ethel Curry Gallery in Haliburton for the Brushworks + Jazz- exhibit of New works by artists Brian Atyeo and Jack Reid, between July 1-31.

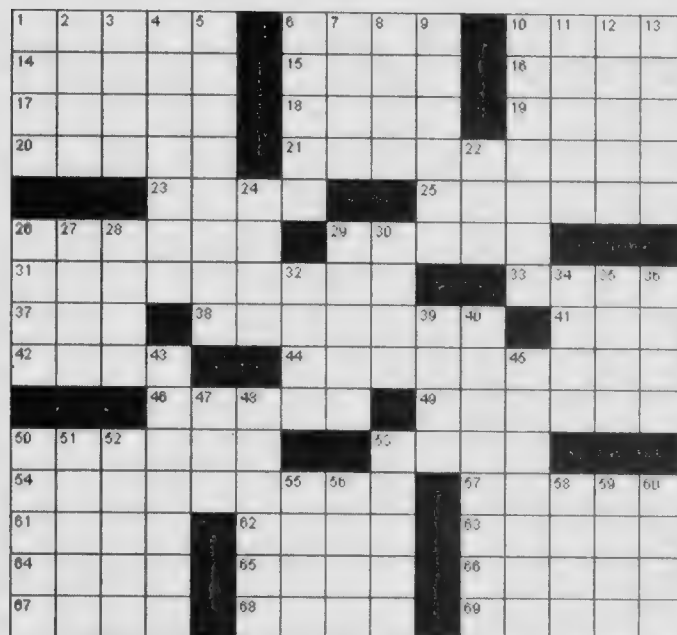
The galleries 10th Anniversary celebrations continue this exciting show where you can meet the artists on Saturday July 1st from 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

The Gallery will be posting all of the works available for sale at the show as soon as possible. For more info call The Ethel Curry Gallery, at 705-457-9687.

CrossWord Puzzle



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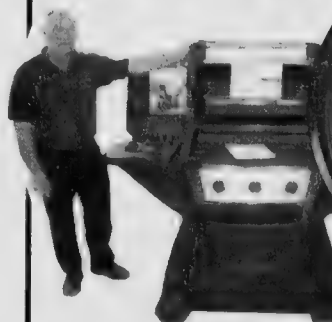
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- 16 Mother of Apollo
- 17 Renaissance instrument
- 18 Talon
- 19 Confused impression
- 20 Course
- 21 Hugo damsel
- 23 Try
- 25 Had an inkling
- 26 Ebb
- 29 Page of music?
- 31 Easily convinced
- 33 Common rhyme scheme
- 37 Bar bill
- 38 Supports for columns
- 41 "The Name of the Rose" author
- 42 Poker variety
- 44 Ornamental needlework
- 46 Sleep disorder
- 49 Secured a ship
- 50 'Scourge of God'
- 53 Tidal movement
- 54 1965 James A. Michener novel
- 57 Strung out
- 61 Mata _
- 62 Liverpool lockup
- 63 Ex-Mrs. Trump
- 64 Treater's words
- 65 Shot shooter
- 66 Skin spot
- 67 Not so
- 68 Adolescent
- 69 Diving bird

Down

- 1 Lug
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- 3 Brass instrument
- 4 Thrown out
- 5 Accumulated
- 6 Gem surface
- 7 Troubles
- 8 Linguist Chomsky
- 9 Just out
- 10 Balkan nation
- 11 Secluded valleys
- 12 Piano piece
- 13 Defense acronym
- 22 Soak
- 24 Peddle
- 26 Business records: Abbr.
- 27 Quod __ demonstrandum
- 28 Philippine island or its seaport
- 29 __ Arenas
- 30 Sparkling wine
- 32 Seine tributary
- 34 Brewery output
- 35 Wise addition?
- 36 Hopalong Cassidy actor
- 39 Web language
- 40 Darting
- 43 Meadow flowers
- 45 Nevertheless
- 47 Mideast grp.
- 48 Nothing
- 50 South African playwright
- Fugard
- 51 Scottish feudal lord
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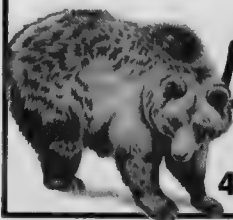


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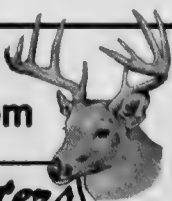


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"I guess the truth is, I just love to cook," says Margaret Ross, the proud owner – and chef — of Gramma's Fish and Chips (... and more!). "I've worked in a lot of commercial kitchens – including cooking in homeless shelters in Toronto, which was really interesting and rewarding, but I've never enjoyed any job as much as I enjoy this one."

Margaret is a funny and outgoing personality who knows how to cook, and who's determined to keep her loyal customers happy. Gramma's isn't a very large place, but its atmosphere is at once happy and intriguing. Most tables have their own theme – royalty at one, pets at another – "and this is our kissing table," says Margaret with a smile, showing off a very private table for two decorated with pictures of lovers famous and not so famous ("our customers").

Greeting Gramma's customers is Jaklin Johnston, whose parents owned Gramma's before Margaret bought it five years ago. "I can't

tell you how happy I am that Jaklin stayed on," says Margaret. "We make a great team, we work hard, and we have fun each and every day."

"This place was very special to me, of course," says Jaklin, "I first started to work for my parents when I was a teenager – and it still feels like home. And the food is still terrific!"



Margaret with Jaklin Johnston

That's for absolute certain. Gramma's has a great reputation as the County's premier fish restaurant – which Margaret and Jaklin take very seriously. "We know what quality our guests expect, and we deliver," says Margaret. "Everything we serve is fresh, made here, from scratch. We serve 10 different kinds of fish as well as seafood, chicken, and course burgers. And everything we serve is completely trans-fat free."

For starters Gramma's offers Large Black Tiger Shrimp as a Cocktail or in Garlic Butter, Mussels on the Half Shell or 4 Shrimp and 4 Mussels in Garlic Butter as well as Mushroom Caps, Poppers (Jalapeno and Cheddar), Deep Fried Veggies, Chicken Skewers, Deep Fried Tomatoes and heavenly creamy, home-made Coleslaw. And of course, Clam Chowder and Habitant Pea Soup.

"Almost everything here is up to the customer," says Margaret, and by that she means that you can choose not only which fish want, but how you want it cooked. "We'll pan fry them for you, or

Gramma's cont'd... pg. 45...

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...from pg. 44

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Entrée's include Halibut with Fries at \$9.25, Haddock with Fries at \$8.75, Blackened Red Snapper, Salmon, Pickerel or Tilapia with Fries and Veggies at \$11.50, or Rainbow Trout, Cape Causpensis, Cajun Catfish or Perch at \$10.50. The Scallop entrée is \$10.95, and the Butterfly Shrimp \$12.95.

"These prices haven't changed for the last five years," says Jaklin. "And our customers sure appreciate it." Gramma's also operates a very popular take out business featuring their full menu. In addition, Gramma's is one of the few Haliburton restaurants to offer not only a good selection of house wines and beers, but also to allow customers to bring their own wine. This B.Y.O.W. program has been available for the



last year or so to licensed restaurants and their customers, but not many establishments have taken advantage of it. "We don't have an extensive wine list and we know many of our customers really appreciate a special bottle of wine for a special occasion. So we're happy to take advantage of the program, and our customers appreciate it." Gramma's charges a very nominal corkage fee for the service.

Gramma's also offers their own home made desserts, "and we're always experimenting," says Chef Margaret. "We've just started making 'Cheese Cake Bites, with is deep-fried cheese cake with ice cream and chocolate syrup topped with whipped cream. It's incredible!"

Gramma's Fish and Chips is located at the corner of Highway 35 and County Road 21 in Minden and is open seven days a week from 11 am until 8 pm, Fridays from 11 am until 9 pm. For Take Out and Reservations call 705 286-6365.



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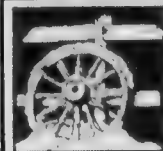
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Maggie's sister recognizes him as the man she shared a wild weekend with just a few months earlier.

Does she keep the story to herself and allow her sister, who has been having a little trouble finding "Mr. Right", marry this man or does she reveal all and obliterate months of planning and years of dreams.

Maggie's Getting Married, a classic Norm Foster comedy, will mark the opening of the 2006 Highlands Summer Festival live theatre season on Monday, July 3. Foster's finely honed comic style provides a rollicking evening of great fun as the audience joins Maggie and her family on this out of control roller coaster ride speeding headlong toward the wedding day.

Directed by Ralph Small, a good friend and colleague of the author, **Maggie's Getting Married** follows on a long line of comedic takes from Canada's most prolific contemporary playwright. Most recently the, Highlands Little Theatre presented Foster's "Opening Night" and "Here on the Flight Path". Last year the Highlands Summer Festival featured another Foster comedy, "The Affections of May".

The **Maggie's Getting Married** cast includes: Elke Star Ross as Maggie; Lesley English as her sister, Wanda; Maureen Johnson as their mother; Terry Anderson as the father; Zach Smadu as the groom; and Michael Johnson as Wanda's latest flame.

Maggie's Getting Married is the first of three dramatic presentations and two musical concerts planned for the six week summer season. Following the two week run for **Maggie's Getting Married**, the touching story how a deaf, blind and mute child was taught to communicate, **The Miracle Worker** (the story of Helen

Keller), opens July 17 and runs to July 28. The final dramatic production of the season, the comedy **Over The River and Through The Woods**, opens July 31 and runs through to August 11.

As is the Festival's tradition, a number of classical music concerts are included in this year's line-up. The first two, featuring soprano Barbara Dunn-Prosser accompanied by pianist Melissa Stephens, will be presented July 12 and 20. Barbara Dunn-Prosser is a versatile singer who has appeared with opera companies, as a featured performer in musicals, as a singer and actor at Stratford and also performs a one woman tribute to Canadian pioneer, Anne Langton.

The second pair of concerts will feature bass-baritone Jon-Paul Decosse again accompanied by Melissa Stephens. Recently signed to next season with the Canadian Opera Company, Jon-Paul Decosse has a wide range of experience, singing at venues across Canada. His concerts are scheduled for July 25 and August 3.

These concerts are very popular and tickets are going quickly.

Tickets for Highlands Summer Festival are available from the box office, by calling 705-457-9933. Single tickets are \$22 with a season pass, which includes tickets for four shows, are available at \$77.04. The Festival website has all the information at www.highlandsummerfestival.on.ca



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Linda and Ernie fell in love with the area while staying at Linda's son's cottage for several summers. In February they became proud owners of a year-round cottage on Discovery Lane on Big Boshkung. Spectacular sunsets in the summer and visiting deer in the winter are two of the highlights they've discovered so far about cottaging in the Minden area! This year, Linda and Ernie will



spend their first full summer at the lake. As an added bonus, they are looking forward to sharing the fun and tradition of square dancing with their new community by organizing

a series of six, square dancing events. Perhaps this is the summer you will discover the joy in this great Canadian heritage – you'll probably surprise yourself at how much fun you have!

Because square dancing is a wonderfully social, community-oriented group activity, you can make new friends while you have fun exercising the body and mind. It's a perfect cottage activity for people of all ages and you can come single, in couples or in a group. Don't worry - Linda and Ernie will run a clinic for new dancers for an hour before each Square Dance so you, your family and guests can come out and learn all you need to know to really enjoy a night of square dancing.

If you can't dance it's still fun to come out, hear the music and enjoy the movement, colour and energy of the dancers as you watch.

As this is a community activity, Shindiggin is looking to partner with local, non-profit organizations who will offer food and refreshments as a fundraiser for their group.



2006 Saturday Summer Schedule:

Dates: July 1, 22; August 5, 12, 26; September 2

Times: Gathering: 6:45 pm - Clinic for new dancers: 7:00 pm - Square Dance for everyone: 8:00 pm

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Haliburton Warms Up For Dusk Dances

Dusk Dances, a hugely popular summer event that has brought contemporary and traditional dance to public parks across Canada for more than eleven years, will visit Haliburton this summer, performing in Head Lake Park for four evenings from Thursday

presented on the program are Toronto choreographers William Yong, with his urban fairy-tale *LOVEsPARK*; CORPUS and their earthbound flying squadron in the award-winning *A Flock of Flyers*; Ayelen Liberona performing *Falling* while suspended in mid-air in aerial silks; and Esmeralda Enrique with a flamenco duet for a solo dancer and the nature that surrounds her, entitled *Treiro-tran*.

*"An event to celebrate."
Toronto Star*

July 27- Sunday July 30.

Presented nightly at 7pm, Dusk Dances will feature five whimsical dances that unfold in different areas of Head Lake Park. Host David Danzon will lead the gathered crowd through the park to the various performance sites in an evening that combines dance, entertainment and the great outdoors.

The Groove (a dynamic jazz quartet featuring young Haliburton musicians from the award winning highschool jazz ensemble) will kick off the show. Featured in Dusk Dances are local choreographer Daniela Pagliaro and her new physical theatre piece, created with a group of Haliburton's youth. Also



"Gather to the sound of live music at twilight and stroll between dances that dot the grounds like whimsical new forms of greenery." Toronto Life

The brainchild of dancer/choreographer, Sylvie Bouchard, Dusk Dances debuted in 1993 using the natural beauty of Toronto's Trinity-Bellwoods Park. Designed to promote dance in the community, Bouchard explains her approach to producing Dusk Dances:

"Our aim is to make dance accessible for everyone. Our venues are public parks where everyone is welcome, admission is pay-what-you-can so the ticket price is within everyone's budget, and our programming is diverse, for all tastes and ages."

Co-produced with the Haliburton Sculpture Forest, Dusk Dances' visit to Haliburton is funded by Ontario's Trillium Foundation, Canada Council for the Arts and the Ontario Arts Council and supported by the Haliburton County Development Corporation.. Dusk Dances' 2006 Ontario Tour is also performing in the Jane/Finch neighbourhood in Toronto; Kingston; Mindemoya on Manitoulin Island; Chatham; and Deep River. For more information on the Haliburton event and the tour, visit www.duskdances.ca.

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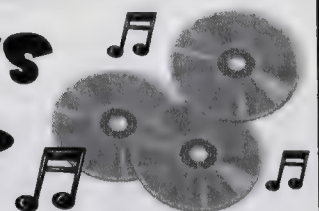


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With a Little Help from our Friends...

How do you pull off a fundraiser that incorporates a dinner, entertainment and a silent auction – all with a medieval twist? With a little help from your friends – that's how!

Community Care is hard at work planning a Grand Medieval Feast to be held on August 26th at the Haliburton Legion. Set in a medieval style, guests will enjoy a dinner in a medieval tradition – that means the only cutlery they will be given is a spoon!

In addition, volunteers will be playing the roles of King, Queen, Knight, Lord High Chancellor, and more. Entertainment will be provided by musicians David Archibald and Barry Hayward. "When the board asked us to do this, we weren't sure how to begin," says Resource

Development Co-ordinator Roxanne Casey. "So we started with Caryl Miller. Her immediate enthusiasm was catching! Then we asked Mike Jaycock to be King, and it snowballed from there."

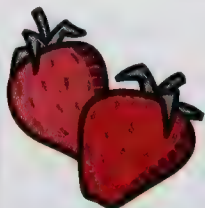
A recent planning meeting included over 15 people. "We have volunteers working on costumes, decorations and sets, writing scripts...this is much like planning a play, in addition to the fundraiser," says Casey. "But we're so grateful for the support we've received so far. Everyone I talk to is excited to be part of the event. They're all going above and beyond the call of duty."

Community Care hopes to profit \$7,000 from the event. The money will be used to support the Emergency Response System. This service for seniors and disabled adults provide emergency help at the push of a button, without having to reach for the phone. It is essential in the case where a client is suffering from severe pain, symptoms of a heart attack, or has a fall and can't recover without assistance.

Currently, over 100 Emergency Response units are in use throughout Haliburton County, and the need is growing. The money will be used to purchase additional units, to pay for repairs to units, to purchase additional pendants, to compensate volunteers for their mileage when they install a unit, and, in some cases, to subsidize clients that cannot afford this monthly monitoring fee.

Tickets for the Grand Medieval Feast are \$65 per person and can be purchased at My Size in Minden or Kitchens Etc. and the Community Care office in Haliburton.. Only 200 tickets are available. For more information, please call 457-2941.

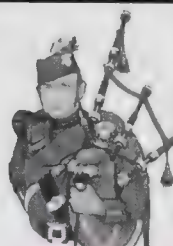
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what happened in my bed still leaves a
tingling sensation in me.

You appeared from nowhere and shamelessly,
without any

reservations, you lay on my naked body...

You sensed my indifference, so you applied your hungry
mouth to me

without any guilt or humiliation, and you nearly drove me
crazy while you drained me.

Finally I went to sleep.

Today when I woke up, you were gone. I searched for you but
to no

avail, only the sheets bore witness to last night's events. My
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Tonight I will remain awake waiting for you.....

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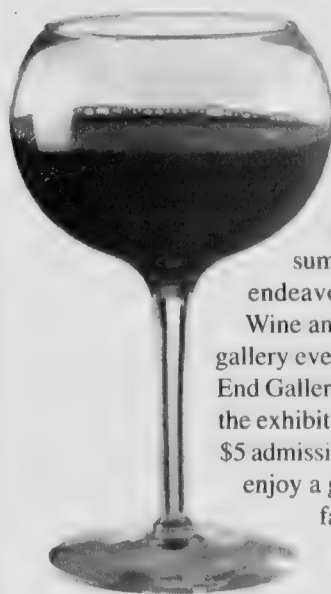
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Wine and Cheese Socials are held at the gallery every Monday at 4:30pm at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton for the duration of the exhibit. Everyone is welcome, there is a \$5 admission. View the HSTA artwork, enjoy a glass of wine, and meet the faculty.

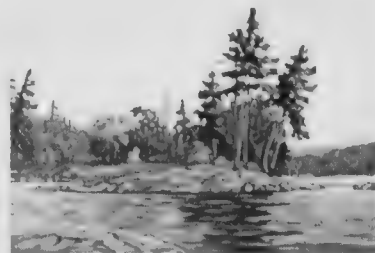
The Rails End Gallery is located on 23 York St. in Haliburton. For more information,

you may contact Saskia Tentrees at 705-457-2330.

John Lennard Art Exhibit Opens July 1 - 26

“Lennard is one of the most celebrated artists in Haliburton Highlands...”

Art lovers will want to head to the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden between July 1-26, as the gallery is presenting, ‘Vivid Expressions’ – an exhibition of paintings by local artist John Lennard.



Lennard is a contemporary landscape painter whose love of art and nature is vividly expressed in his colourful canvases. His oils capture the effects of colour in sunlight and shadow, reflecting a direct response to nature and the environment. They intensify the subject and follow the seasons with a strong, rich treatment. Graduate of the Ontario College of Art in Toronto and later at the Art Students’ League of New York, John has devoted forty years to painting Canadian landscape. Lennard is one of the most celebrated artists in Haliburton Highlands.

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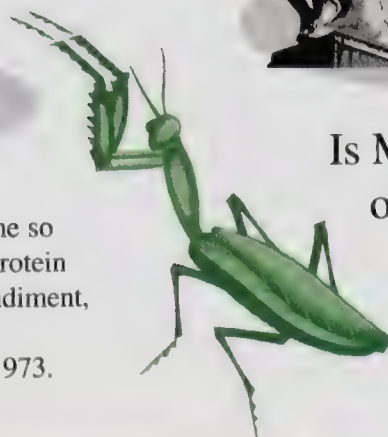
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In fairness to Mrs. Mantis, she doesn't always have her mate for lunch. In most of the 1500 species of mantis, in fact, cannibalism is fairly rare. Past reports of mass slaughter were based on observations in the lab, a stressful environment that apparently brought out the female mantis's bad side.

But even in the field, male manticide occurs "more often than not" in Mantis religiosa, the one type of praying mantis "from which the whole group gets its bad reputation," according to one researcher. Here's the scenario: "The male usually tries to approach the female undetected, to seize her unawares, but often he is seen, and the female then catches and eats him, usually beginning at the head. The loss of his head, however, galvanizes the male into action, and he can successfully complete copulation without it. [The male climbs on the female's back and assumes the position before his partner starts to dig in.] This behaviour pattern, in which she devours the male, is of obvious advantage to the female, and to the species, because she is able to put to good use an otherwise worthless mass of protein."



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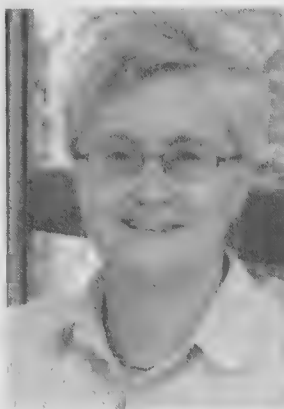
"When the bones find their singing place"

Brenda Peddigrew is a writer, teacher, and now, published poet who's called the Little Kennis River in Haliburton her home for the past three years. Her first volume of poems, 'When the bones find their singing place' has just been published by Palabras Press in Peterborough. But make no mistake: this is no ingénue debut. In fact, it is a meticulous and unsparing examination of six stages of a life lived with faith, passion, and a tireless desire to seek the truth.

As this collection shows, Ms. Peddigrew understands how poetry involves high risk – to self, to relationships, and as some might put it, to one's immortal soul. Or, to paraphrase her introduction, "May this risk – the risk of my existence – 'be put to some use beyond my own survival'."

Brenda Peddigrew has lived a life of high faith, high risk, and strong love, starting as a little girl bound deeply into the bosom of the Roman Catholic Church in rural Newfoundland: in her book she gracefully acknowledges the Sisters of Mercy of Newfoundland and Labrador "who have been cradle, catalyst, and crucible for all but six years of my life." Brenda was a sister of the Church for many years, a nun and teacher, rising through the hierarchy to be Director of Adult Faith Development for the Archdiocese of St. John's by the mid 1980s. Her poems are an attempt to trace her journey from a little girl's private room, the voices of the mother and father, through the liberation of nature and faith that took her into the greater world, to the depths of disillusionment and fear, to the hard-edged realization of a greater love "that streams all around us, inviting us back to ourselves, to the deep truth of being cradled by the soft and terrifying Universe from which we are born and to which we return."

"These poems were written basically over a 10 year period from 1988 to 1998, after I had left the Church and struck out on my own as a teacher and writer in Ontario. I knew they needed a lot of work, particularly to make them into a collection that would have its own thread of a journey. I was deeply lucky to have had a great friend



and teacher, Milan Kajganich, edit the poems during the last year of his life: he said he wouldn't die until it was finished, and he didn't. The book is dedicated to him."

Brenda Peddigrew is much sought after as a teacher of 'transformative learning', and she's an Adjunct Professor (online teaching) at St. Stephen's College at the University of Alberta. Her formal connection with the Church as institution has ended. But her ongoing work and life have a rich and diverse connection to the spiritual, as evidenced in so many of the poems in this book. Reading them makes you understand how elusive is that state of grace so many strive for, and so few reach. But Brenda Peddigrew's book of poems gives the reader a few markers for that journey.

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Crime Flashback

by Max Haines

SOON THE FOURSOME WERE ENGAGED IN, FOR WANT OF A BETTER WORD, COMBAT

I HAVE taken bridge lessons twice in my life. Never, I hasten to add, because I had any great desire to become an expert, but only because, at the time, under threat of having my fingernails pulled out from each digit, my wife insisted that I learn how to play that infernal card game. On both occasions, I quit early on in my education. I couldn't stand the shouting.

It is enlightening to discover that bridge has precipitated more than mere shouting — would you believe bloody murder?

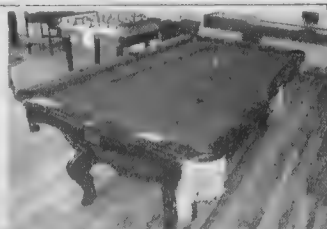
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World War I was raging in Europe, but that altercation had little effect on the two young people who, after the train jostling, became inseparable. On Nov. 11, 1918, they were joined in holy wedlock in Memphis, Tenn.

The Bennetts, who resided in Kansas City, had a happy marriage for 11 long years. John made a fine living representing a perfume manufacturer. All was fragrance and light until Sept. 29, 1929.

The day started off pleasantly enough. The Bennetts played a round of golf with dear friends Charles and Mayme Hoffman. Later, the group retired to the Bennetts' apartment. They had supper and planned on attending the movies. However, their plans changed when the men complained that it had been a tiring day and felt they should stay at home.

Someone suggested contract bridge — the Bennetts and the Hoffmans at half a cent a point. Everyone thought a lighthearted game was a capital suggestion, and soon the foursome were engaged in, for want of a better word, combat.

'IDIOT, STUPID, DUNCE'

Initially, the Bennetts appeared to have Lady Luck on their side. However, that fickle lady soon favoured the Hoffmans. As the Hoffmans luck changed, so did the attitude of the Bennetts toward each other. Occasionally, John imparted to Myrtle such endearments as idiot, stupid, and in moments of utter exasperation, dunce.

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Max Haines Cont'd...

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It is with reluctance that I am compelled to inflict upon non bridge playing readers that portion of the game which is germane to our story. If you don't play the game, merely skip over the next two paragraphs and you won't miss a thing.

John Bennett was dealing. He opened the bidding with one spade. Charles Hoffman followed with two diamonds, Myrtle Bennett ventured four spades. Mayme Hoffman passed. John Bennett passed as well. Charles Hoffman doubled and everyone passed, which concluded the bidding and the play began.

Myrtle Bennett placed her hand on the table. Being dummy, she retired to the kitchen to prepare munchies. When she returned to the table, she found that her husband had been set two. He claimed she overbid and was furious.

Welcome back, bridge abstainers. When Myrtle returned to the table after preparing a snack, her husband was enraged at the way she had bid the last hand. Myrtle didn't take criticism well. She told John, "You're a bum bridge player."

It is my understanding that in some circles such criticism is akin to casting aspersions on one's parentage. John replied. Actually, he did a little more. He hauled off and slapped Myrtle across the face. Apparently he thought this token of expression far too slight to salve his injured feelings. He repeated the slap not once, but twice.

Myrtle was humiliated. Besides, her jaw hurt. She wept, Mayme Hoffman comforted her friend. Charles Hoffman tallied up the score. After all, fun's fun. They were ahead.

With the score accurately calculated and with Myrtle still weeping, Charles admonished John for putting the slug on his wife. Such things were rarely, if ever, done among their set. John Bennett responded to this friendly advice by ordering the Hoffmans out of his home. Mayme and Charles didn't have to be told twice. Mayme put on her coat. Charles was about to follow her when Myrtle Bennett, who had slipped away for a moment, returned brandishing a revolver.

Charles Hoffman could only stammer, "My God, Myrtle, What are you going to do?" An answer wasn't really necessary. Even if it had been forthcoming, it would have been drowned out by the roar of the revolver. Myrtle shot twice, at a bedroom door and lintel. Then, improving with practise, she poured two slugs into John.

It would be less than candid of me not to point out that the fourth and fatal shot entered John Bennett's back. Shots in the back are most annoying. They tend to disprove the theory that the puller of the trigger was acting purely in self defence.

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It has been reported that on the very day after the shooting, Mrs. Bennett said, "Nobody knows but me and my God why I did it."

Myrtle was arrested and charged with murder. In due course, she was brought to trial. The defence's lot was not made any easier when it was learned that thoughtful John had taken out an insurance policy leaving Myrtle richer by \$30,000 should he depart this mortal coil by accident.

Defence counsel claimed that the whole thing was an unfortunate accident. According to Myrtle, her husband was leaving on a trip bright and early the next morning. She had fetched the weapon to give to John when she stumbled over a chair, accidentally discharging the gun twice. In the instant between the second and third shots, John lunged at Myrtle, attempting to disarm her. During the ensuing struggle, dear John was

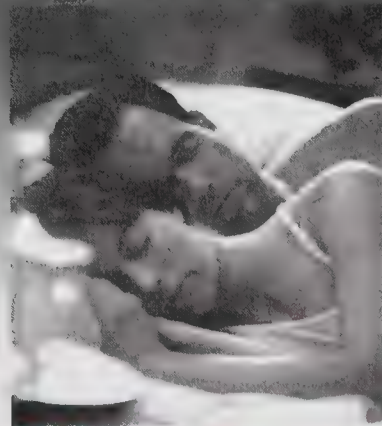
ventilated twice, once in the back.

It is rather pleasant to relate that the Bridge Table Murder, as it came to be known, had a happy ending for everyone except John. The Missouri jury believed Myrtle Bennett's story. Many students of the crime also feel that any man who would slap his wife in front of company deserves to be shot, accidentally, of course.

Myrtle Bennett was found not guilty, collected the \$30,000 and quietly disappeared. There is no record of anyone ever criticizing her bridge playing again.



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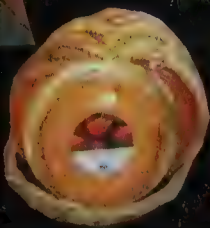
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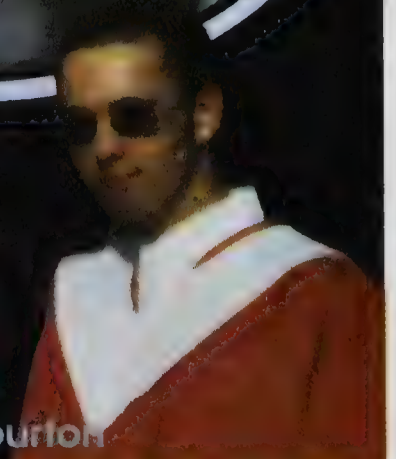
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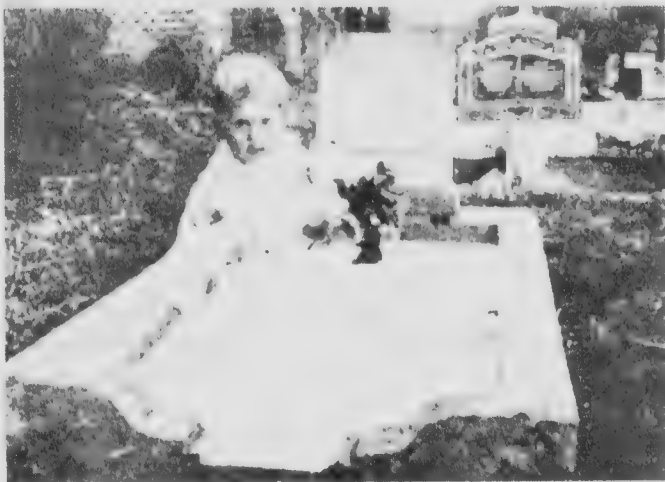




Baby Ghost

A woman named Mrs. Andrews was visiting the grave of her daughter in a cemetery in Queensland, Australia in 1946 or 1947. Her daughter Joyce had died about a year earlier, in 1945, at the age of 17. Mrs. Andrews saw nothing unusual when she took this photo of Joyce's gravemarker.

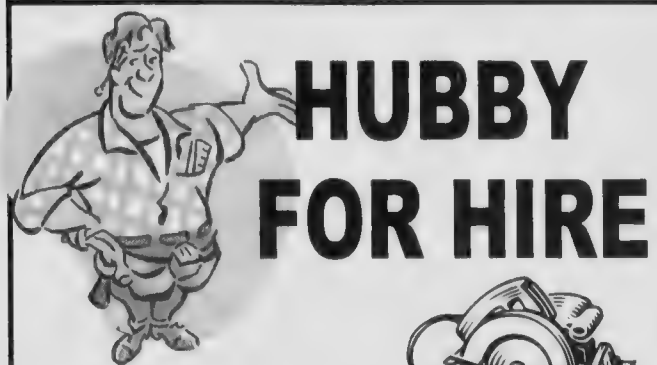
When the film was developed, Mrs. Andrews was astonished to see the image of a small child sitting happily at her daughter's grave. The ghost child seems to be aware of Mrs.



Andrews since he or she is looking directly into the camera.

Is it possibly a double exposure? Mrs. Andrews said there were no such children nearby when she took the photograph and, moreover, did not recognize the child at all – it was no one she would have taken a picture of. She remarked that she did not believe it was the ghost of her daughter as a child.

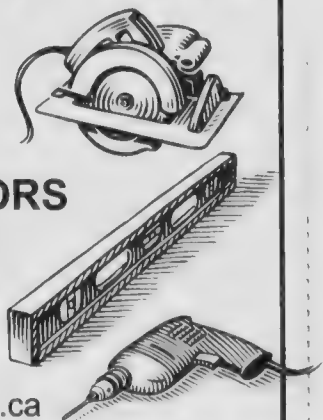
Investigating this case, Australian paranormal researcher Tony Healy visited the cemetery in the late 1990s. Near Joyce's grave he found the graves of two infant girls.



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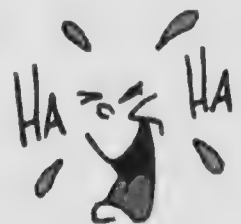
Two women met for the first time since graduating from high school.

One asked the other, "You were always so organized in school, did you manage to live a well planned life?"

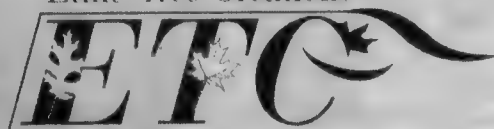
"Yes," said her friend.

"My first marriage was to a millionaire;
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And now Dr. Bennett, his associate Dr. Nicolai Davis and their team are delighted to welcome Dr. Carol Sanio as the new owner of the Minden Animal Hospital. Dr. Sanio brings many years veterinary experience to the practice, both in urban and rural centres, and she can't wait to put down some Haliburton roots with her two sons Jason (17) and Aaron (15). Her last practice was in Bracebridge and she's worked as well in Maple, Ontario. She's also worked as a volunteer at the Kortright Centre, looking after wild animals in distress and has been a part of the Wings & Prayer program for wild bird care and rescue. "I must admit I love helping wild animals," she says, "although you certainly can't make a living that way. But volunteering to help them is very important to me."



Dr. Sanio grew up on a farm near London, Ontario and admits that, "I knew I was going to be a vet from the time I was a very little girl. We had a hobby farm with horses, and I don't really remember a time

when I didn't want to look after and care for animals, wild and domestic." Dr. Sanio will also be going to India this fall, to Sikkim in Northwest India specifically, as part of the VetCharity organization, a world-wide group dedicated to promoting animal welfare in the developing world. Dr. Sanio will be devoting two weeks to the spaying and neutering of street dogs as an example of preventative population control.

"I think what I want to stress most is our commitment in this practice to preventative care and to pain management. There's a persistent myth out there that if your dog or cat is in pain they'll let you know – that it will be obvious that they are in stress. But that's just not true, it really isn't. Animals naturally hide pain, even from the owner they love. So if your pet isn't eating properly, or hesitates at climbing stairs he used to

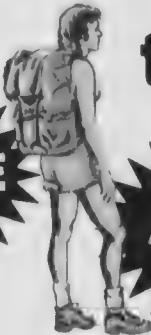
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The Minden Animal Hospital has built a strong reputation over the years for their knowledgeable and caring team and Dr. Sanio is delighted Dr. Davis, along with long-time support staff Tammy Smith and Lyn Henderson will be staying with her. One new face is Veterinary Technician Melissa Burroughs, who's just graduated from Georgian College in Orillia, who joins summer Veterinary Student Amy Brown on the team. "And Dr. Bennett will also be helping us out when we get really busy – and particularly when I'm away," say Dr. Sanio. "He's still a part of this practice, and this community, although something tells me he doesn't want to do a lot of summer hours! But we're all happy that he'll still be here occasionally."

The Minden Veterinary Hospital is located at 9 Main Street, just off Highway 35, and is open Monday to Friday from 8 am until 5 pm, and on Saturdays from 8 am until 12 noon. For appointments please call 705 286-2919.



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Wednesday July 12th, 2006 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Gooderham Community Centre, Community Centre Rd. just south of Gooderham off of County Rd 507. Keep left on Community Centre Rd.

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one of Ontario's species at risk. You will discover the behaviour and habitats of this small mammal, better understand its role in the ecosystem, and what must be done to protect its future. You will visit a research plot to observe flying squirrels and participate in a radio telemetry activity. Please bring along your binoculars and come prepared to share the trail with a few mosquitoes.

Forests for the Trees

Wednesday July 26th, 2006 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve Ltd., County Rd 7, 20km north of West Guilford

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There are more Discovery Days coming in August - we will let you know more about these great adventures in the next issue...

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Gloria, her husband Jim, and her 2 children Cindy and Steve moved from Port Perry to Kennisis Lake in 1975. They started a contracting business, building, excavating, and septic plus a marina & groceries. Gloria also had a successful pottery business. Gloria joined Doug Johnson and John Mulder of Countrywide Haliburton Realty Ltd. in Minden in 1993 shortly after receiving her Real Estate Licence. Doug and John saw the potential of Gloria opening a satellite office at Kennisis & Redstone Lake. She has been Countrywide Haliburton Realty's #1 agent ever since. Cindy saw how much her mother enjoyed Real Estate & she received her license in 1997. The Mother/Daughter have worked together ever since.

The office started on the corner of Kennisis Lake Road and Redken Drive. Gloria's Mom (widowed in 1994) lived next door and helped Gloria with the office. She'd hop in her car at a moments notice and come to the office on the corner. In November 2002 Gloria bought her mom's house. Jim turned the garage into an office. Vera was going to cover the office when Gloria was out with clients. Sadly she passed away in the spring of 2003. Gloria remembered her mom not having any

computer knowledge and being afraid to touch the computer. She called back to the office one day when a storm was threatening and asked her mom to shut the computers down. Her mom fought with the mouse "come on you _ what the heck - get over here - come on you little _____. Oh okay it's on the top

of the start button now what".

Gloria's mom has been missed by all the Real Estate agents as the pleasant voice answering the phone. Jim's Dad, Fred came to stay just as Jim & Gloria started the office project. He became the greeter in the new office. His knowledge of the computer was about the same as Vera's only he couldn't understand why Gloria sat behind the desk looking at that screen all day.

The new office has been a great success. I am sure Clayton & Vera are proud of what Jim & Gloria have done with their home and property.

The real estate for Gloria has always been a family affair. Jim always stayed in the office on weekends to cover phones and to greet clients, her mom's help, and finally as the grandkids got

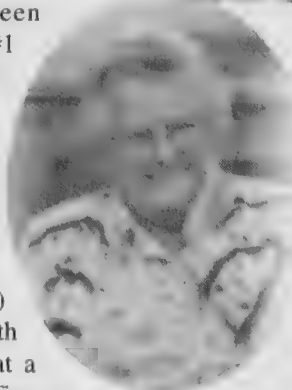
older they started answering phones, taking messages. A good name for Gloria's business would be "The Family Affair". Clients often comment that it is such a pleasure coming to the office. They feel the family atmosphere not high pressure tactics.

The office is high tech with several computers, scanners, faxes etc. The only thing they are missing is the high speed internet (if you see a grey hair...that's why!). Gloria & Cindy now have an assistant Avery Gurr. Gloria laughs...she says Avery is scanning everything he gets his hands on and he is trying to make the office paperless. She lets him dream. Avery's computer technical knowledge is a real asset along with his telephone and people skills.

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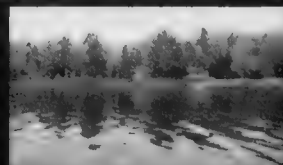
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Real Estate TIPS

by Lea Kitler

Real Estate Inventory

During sellers' markets, homes sell quickly and sellers have a lot of pricing power. As a result, prices rise more rapidly than at other times. During buyers' markets, homes may sit on the market for awhile before selling, so sellers become more flexible and may even drop their prices. The market is determined by supply and demand.

In real estate, the relationship between supply and demand is calculated as "available inventory." At the current sales pace, how long would it take to sell the total number of houses available on the market? That is how the real estate industry measures inventory.

Inventory is measured in weeks and months. Longer inventory times are associated with buyers' markets. Shorter inventory periods are associated with sellers' markets. Is a move in your near future? If so, plan your next move to take advantage of the current market cycle.

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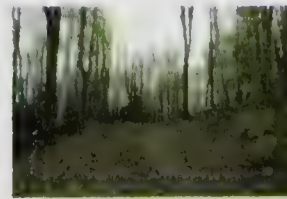
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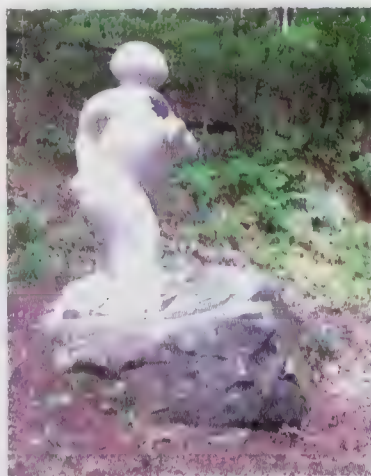
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Sculpture Forest Alive With Artistic Beauty & Activity

It's been almost five years since the Haliburton Sculpture Forest opened with just three original sculptures settled neatly in a ten-acre forest reserve in Glebe Park. Since that modest beginning a truly remarkable sculpture gallery has been created which now features 16 original works including 14 sculptures and two sculptured benches, all by Canadian artists.

The Sculpture Forest began as a project of the Haliburton County Development Corporation's (HCDC) Arts Committee, and is now operated by the Haliburton Sculpture Forest et al, a non-profit organization. Partners include Fleming College, Haliburton Campus, the HCDC, the Arts Council, and others.

The beautiful wooded site features a series of gentle walking trails which visitors use to get to the individual sculptures. The original artistic aim was "to provide an art experience that features sculptures that relate to the Haliburton biosphere and the forest in which they reside." It's a moving and unique experience to walk these trails and around each corner come upon another wonderful work of art that simply demands a kind of quiet contemplation in the viewer. The contributing artists are from all over Canada, although some of Haliburton's best-known sculptors including Leo Sepa, with his wild 'Moose Scraps' and Charles O'Neil with his



commanding 'Standing Figure' are also represented. The Sculpture Forest also "regularly monitors the condition of sculptures and their settings to ensure the integrity of the art work is maintained."

Watch Stone Carving In Action:

This summer the Sculpture Forest is offering three exciting events to the Haliburton Community. Firstly, local sculptor John Beachli, this summer's Artist-in-Residence, will be creating a new sculpture for the Forest from July 3rd until July 28th, during weekday afternoons from 1 pm until 5 pm. This is a terrific opportunity to see first hand how stone is carved and shaped into a sculpture. There is also an opportunity for beginning and experienced stone carvers to be involved in the process.



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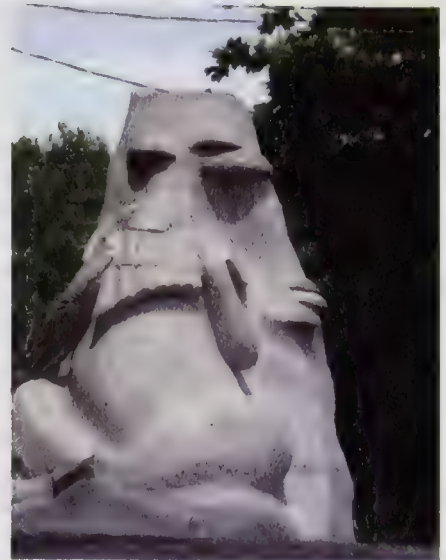
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As well, on each Tuesday in July and August the Sculpture Forest will be offering guided tours from 10 am until 11:30 am. These free tours start at the Trail Kiosk in the parking lot of Fleming College, Haliburton Campus. And finally, the Sculpture Forest is the co-producer of the Haliburton performances of Dusk Dances, an outdoor dance festival that brings contemporary and traditional dance to public parks. Dusk Dances features an array of choreographic works presented every night from July 27th to July 30th at sunset.

The Sculpture Forest is yet another example of how Haliburton's vibrant arts community has developed unique and successful public projects that celebrate not only our own artists, but those from all over Canada. The organization welcomes and encourages donations from individuals and organizations to support its ongoing work. For further information on the stone-carving demonstrations, the guided tours, or any other aspect of Forest, please call 705 457-3555, or email at info@haliburtonsculptureforest.ca. There is also a very informative website, www.haliburtonsculptureforest.ca.



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Charles O'Neil: Bent Offerings

"It's really strange, sometimes, how life works out," says Charles O'Neil, the much honoured and loved Haliburton painter, sculptor, and teacher. "I was exhibiting some of my work at a huge show in Philadelphia last year – it's a juried show, although hundreds of artists participate – it's mainly for gallery owners to come and buy your work. A woman came along and said she liked my stuff, and would I be interested in designing a shoe, perhaps? Nobody had ever asked me anything about shoes before! But I was polite, of course, and took the card: 'this is my home number in Connecticut, she said, I'm Stuart's wife – please give us a call.'

"I noticed the card said Stuart Weitzman, which meant nothing to me. But later back in Haliburton I told my daughter the story and she almost fell off her chair! 'Stuart Weitzman is a huge name in shoe fashion – call him right away'. So anyway, I did, and sure enough they asked me to produce some shoe sculptures. I did, and maybe someday the world will be wearing my sculptures – something I certainly never would have predicted!" As it is, two of Chuck's creations are now prominently displayed at Stuart Weitzman Shoes in New York.

Charles O'Neil sits in the utterly calm and peaceful living room of his home/studio on Glen Lake surrounded by examples of the paintings and sculptures he's produced over the past quarter century and reminiscences, "even as a kid I always loved to draw – there were virtually no art courses at Haliburton High in the 60s, and I was always the guy volunteering to make the posters for the dance, for example. I just loved to draw. Period."

But it would be many more years of hard work, intense study, and experimentation before Charles could devote himself to his art. His parents owned the Haliburton IGA and when they retired in 1969 Charles took over the business. A year later he married his

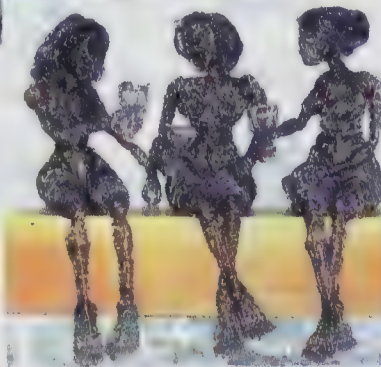
sweetheart Janet – a Beech Lake cottager – and over the next twenty-five years the couple successfully raised a family and saw their business grow and prosper. Finally, in 1996 the O'Neils called it a day and sold the business.

During those years of hard work and family life Charles never lost sight of his love of drawing and painting. By the early 1980s his work – mainly paintings of flowers and figure sketches – were already becoming popular with local collectors and institutions. "In 1983 I decided to become more involved with my art, and began taking courses at the Haliburton School of Fine Art during the summers. It's hard to describe how important and inspiring those courses were – and I was really encouraged to continue my work. I experimented at that time with different forms – but it always comes back to drawing – somehow drawing was the basis for all my work at that time – and now, in fact." During those years Charles obtained his Diploma in Visual and Creative Arts as well as a Certificate in Artist Blacksmithing.

Charles continued to study and work at his art during the 80s and 90s and saw his paintings become more and more popular and sophisticated. He began to show successfully in many galleries locally and around the province and was a prominent member of Haliburton's Studio Tour. After the

store was sold he became a faculty member at Haliburton's School of the Arts where he still teaches both teen and adult courses in wire sculpture, drawing and painting.

"I was first introduced to wire in 1997 and somehow it just took off for me. And very quickly I started to show my sculptures in



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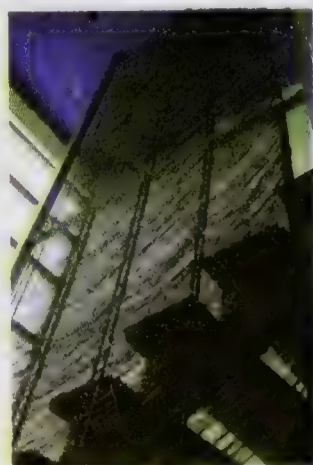
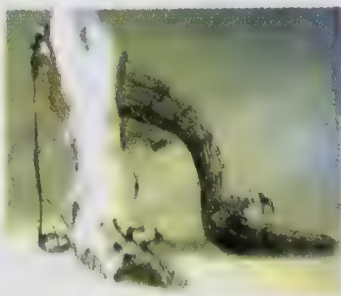
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galleries and soon it became a more interesting medium for me than painting. It's just so exciting to take something as industrial and somehow lifeless as a coil of wire and bring it to life: I've never been particularly attracted to inanimate objects – like cars for example – but the possibilities of taking a strand of simple wire and manipulating it into something that has life are breathtaking. When I first started I didn't cut the wire – I would simply shape it into something that seemed to breathe – a heron, a human shape. The form is what gives it motion and life – my sculptures have no eyes, no face really – but they certainly move and live."



As a painter Charles was perhaps most successful using simple lines in human figure drawing. And it doesn't take a genius to see the connection between line drawing and the delicate strands of wire he teases into sculpture. "Part of the process is trying to figure out where you're going to go with a piece, and being able to deal with the unexpected. Sometimes I'm not at all sure what's there – as I continue to work with the wire, it can also change, even though it has a memory. Sometimes I have a vision of what

I want in the end, but not always. And of course, there are always the disasters, although those come along less often than they used to."

O'Neil also derives inspiration from his teaching at Sir Sandford. "When I started teaching in 1997 I was really nervous – always analyzing what I did in the classroom, and so on. But now it's a real inspiration to me, and I hope to the students."

Charles O'Neil's work can be seen in galleries, institutions, and private collections around the world, from

the Ethel Curry Gallery and the Sculpture Forest here in Haliburton to Vancouver, Tofino, and the U.S. He's been commissioned by architects and designers to provide staircase screens, for example, and his work can be seen in as diverse locales as Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto and the Canadian headquarters of the Toyota company.

Recently Haliburton MP Barry Devolin took five of Charles's sculptures with him on an official visit to Taiwan as gifts to the country's Foreign Minister and other dignitaries. "They were just delighted with them," says Devolin. "I saw the Foreign Minister a few days after I'd given him one of Charles' Inukshuk sculptures and he thanked me again and said, 'it's sitting right on my desk and it's going to stay there.'"

Charles O'Neil's Bent Offerings Studio is located on Elk Drive just past Sir Sam's Ski Area and is open year-round by appointment. You can reach Charles at 705 754-1090, or check out his website www.charlesoneil.com.

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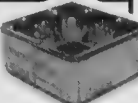
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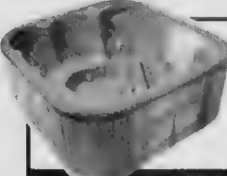


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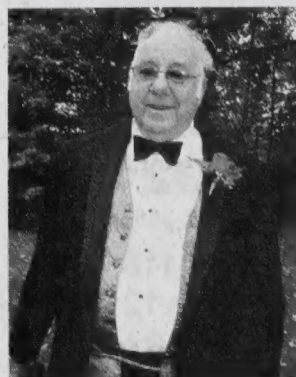
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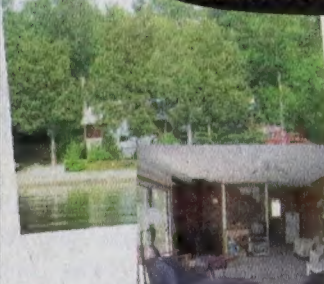
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